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Post-secondary school officials concerned over student demand

'Stress' to meet their needs. Calgary expected to see bulk of learner growth in the province

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Student demand for programs is expected to rise in the coming years and city post-secondary leaders are warning they will need additional dollars to keep pace.

At the University of Calgary, about half of 25,905 students that applied for one or more programs offered on campus this fall were granted access, which is a slight improvement over past figures. But the school also warned in its institutional plan earlier this year that certain "professional programs" were far more difficult to gain entry to. Just one in 15.5 applicants were being accepted into the institution's medical program. Access only approved slightly in law with an applicant ratio of 13.5 to one.

U of C president Elizabeth Cannon warned of the daunting challenge ahead during a budget town hall Tuesday in which her administrative team said it was $35.6 million short of where it expected to be in terms of provincial funding for the 2014-15 school year.

"We need funds to be sustainable, we need funds to grow our access in terms of more students ... we need additional facilities to support student growth, and that's not just me saying this — this is the government's own data," she told the gathered crowd. "When they look at the growth of Calgary, the demand of degree-granting programs and the flavour of the programs we offer at the University of Calgary, this is an institution that will be under increasing stress for access to our programs and our facilities."

Statistics Canada has projected that 54.5 per cent of all growth among Campus Alberta schools will be seen in Calgary between 2010-11 and 2020-21.

The situation is also troublesome at Mount Royal University, according to Phil Warsaba, associate vice-president of enrolment management. Provincial data indicates his school has seen a 210 per cent increase in the number of qualified students it turns away since becoming a university in 2009.

This year, 12,536 distinct applicants applied to Mount Royal, but just 4,308 were registered in a course. Warsaba echoed Cannon's concerns about rising demand.

"We see those projections and we know we're going to need more seats for university studies," he said.

Increased interest is being seen outside of university circles as well, as enrolment rose six per cent at Bow Valley College this semester and student applications shot up 16 per cent year over year.

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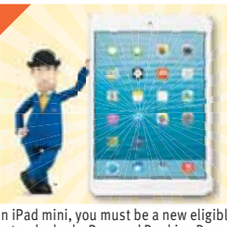

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City sets up emergency beds as demand for lodging spikes

Last resort. City urges displaced residents to try friends, family and insurers before using city-provided lodging

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Lauren Harris, an emergency manager with the City of Calgary, surveys the cots set up in the Big 4 building on the Stampede grounds Tuesday afternoon. The city plans to activate the facility only if enough hotel rooms can't be found for displaced downtown residents with nowhere else to go. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Calgary booked twice as many hotel rooms for displaced downtown residents Monday evening than the night before and prepared temporary lodging at the Stampede grounds for Tuesday and Wednesday nights, if necessary.

"Our plans for this week are to continue to support the needs of displaced residents," said fire Chief Ken Uzeloc.

A total of 563 people registered for assistance Monday and the city booked 294 hotel rooms on their behalf, housing a total of about 450 people, Uzeloc said.

That's up from the 360 people who registered the night before, when the city booked 144 hotel rooms to house about 270 people.

The city still had 294 rooms booked for Tuesday night, Uzeloc said, and was looking at booking more.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said the city has pre-existing deals with local hotels and other forms of accommodation — university residences in the summer, for example — for use in emergencies like this.

But, he added, the city is "under-hoteled" and "getting a hotel room in the middle of the week in Calgary is challenging."

The mayor asked downtown residents without power to stay with family and friends where possible or to contact their insurers about coverage for temporary lodging before using city-provided hotels.

Heather Mack with the Insurance Bureau of Canada said "additional living expenses" are typically covered within a tenant's policy or homeowner's policy but "in order to trigger that coverage, you have to be unable to live in your home."

Mack said that would typically involve a "mandatory evacuation order or somebody official with government saying it's unsafe for you to be here."

Individual policies can vary, she noted.

The city has strongly advised residents to leave the 18-square-block area of downtown that remains without electricity but has not issued a mandatory evacuation order.

In partnership with the Calgary Stampede Board, the Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) set up 200 beds at the Big 4 building on the Stampede grounds Tuesday and could set up 200 more, if necessary.

"It's a bit of a moving target for us in terms of whether we'll need the facility or not," CEMA assistant deputy chief Sue Henry said.

The hotel rooms cost the city about $115 each, on average, Uzeloc said.

Nenshi said the city is fronting all the fire-related costs for the time being but will look to recover as much as it can in the future from its own insurance and higher levels of government.

Unknown cause

Investigators continue to look into the cause of an underground fire that knocked out power to 18 square blocks of downtown Calgary on Saturday, but there is nothing so far to suggest the blaze was deliberately set, according to the mayor.

- "There is no evidence of tampering," Mayor Naheed Nenshi said Tuesday, after emerging from a closed-door meeting with fire Chief Ken Uzeloc and Enmax CEO Gianna Manes.
- As to what might have started the blaze, Nenshi said, simply: "We just don't know yet."

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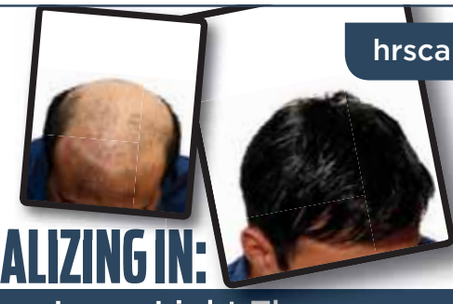

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CBE request for modulars biggest in board's history

Big jump. Student enrolment higher than expected

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Calgary's public board plans to ask the province for 28 additional modular classrooms as city schools have again been slammed by growth that surpassed already lofty predictions.

The request, approved for submission Tuesday, is the largest of its kind in the Calgary Board of Education's history and would see two modulars apiece attached to Cranston, Evergreen, Louis Riel, Radisson Park, Citadel, Glamorgan and Le Roi Daniels schools. Standalone modulars would also be established at Coventry Hills, Midsun and William Reid and the board hopes to demolish and replace four modulars at John G. Diefenbaker.

"Certainly, the demand or need in our schools is there — we can justify it," said Frank Coppinger, the CBE's superintendent for facilities and environmental services.

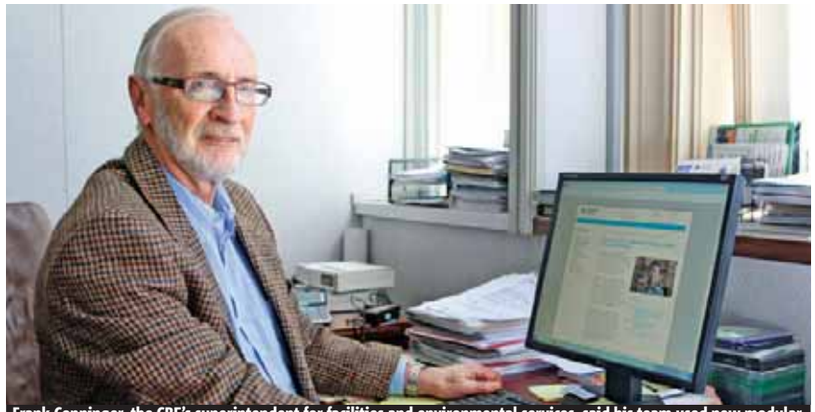
If approved, the modulars would come on top of eight already approved for Westgate School last month and four starter schools to be developed in Aspen Woods, Cranston, Saddleridge and West Springs.

They also come as the CBE has experienced a student surge in excess of 3,700 additional students, surpassing internal predictions by nearly 480 kids.

The CBE's official Sept. 30 head count indicated 114,472 students enrolled in its buildings and programs, a growth of 3.35 per cent over 2013-14.

Elementary schools may be particularly squeezed this year with 1,677 additional students in grades 1 to 3 and 1,051 additional kids in grades 4 to 6.

Middle school growth was nearly 800 kids and high schools saw 150 additional kids.



Frank Coppinger, the CBE's superintendent for facilities and environmental services, said his team used new modular ranking criteria to determine which schools were best candidate for space additions to existing facilities. METRO FILE

Coppinger said 81 schools he oversees are now more than 90 per cent utilized — optimal capacity is generally considered to (be) 80 per cent or less.

"It's a real pressure," Coppinger said.

The Calgary Catholic School District also saw growth again this year, but head counts came in slightly under internal predictions. In all, the separate board has welcomed in an additional 1,352 students, a bump of 2.65 per cent over last year. Much like their public counterparts, the greatest growth was seen at the elementary level, with 908 additional students enrolled in grades 1 to 6.

Last week, the province announced a $2-billion commitment that will aim to have 55 additional public and Catholic schools built provincewide by 2021.

Parent group

CAPSC funds axed

Calgary's public-school trustees have voted to strip a parent group of its funding, a move the group's head has said will deal a major blow to interaction with city families.

The CBE's administration had recommended pulling 60 per cent of the funding of the Calgary Association of Parents & School Councils (CAPSC) and give the group $3,000 annually.

But trustees voted Tuesday to pull all funding for CAPSC and name the Council of School Councils, which met three times last year, the "official voice for parents," according to a tweet from the organization.

Last week, Karen Lloyd, CAPSC president, said her group had done much to involve parents and also lobbied the province to improve student safety.

"You have to have a group at the district level that provides for the bigger picture, for things that impact the entire district that parents want to be able to do something about," Lloyd told Metro last week when asked to justify her group's existence. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

West-end group raises concerns about modulars

Eight modulars like this one could be installed at Westgate school. METRO FILE

Eight modulars recently announced for Calgary's crammed Westgate School are being met with opposition from the head of a community association, who says traffic is already an issue in the area.

Pat Guillemaud, president of Westgate Community Association, said residents living near the school named after the community it's based in also routinely pick up garbage she says is left behind by families dropping off their kids.

"We've had people change a diaper in the back of their vehicle and then leave the dirty one on the ground," she said, before adding a rhyme to describe the scenario, "Stop signs, yield signs and no U-turn signs, I think they (parents) must be blind. If you were here at 10 (minutes) to 8 a.m. in the morning it would be a zoo."

Last month, the province approved eight modulars for Westgate and Calgary Board of Education officials informed parents they hoped to have those on-site and installed in time for the 2015-16 school year.

But Guillemaud said her group has been left in the dark on talks about the modulars.

Frank Coppinger, the CBE's superintendent for facilities and environmental services, said Tuesday efforts would be made to solicit feedback from the community.

Parent Lisa Davis, meanwhile, has lobbied hard for better infrastructure for Westgate School, which features a mix of Spanish- and French-learning kids.

She noted Tuesday that without the modulars many of the Spanish students would be squeezed out of the community and forced to study for a year at the deteriorating Viscount Bennett Centre before moving to a permanent home at Glenmeadows.

Davis said she's been at the school during drop-off and pickup times and believes it's no more congested than any other time.

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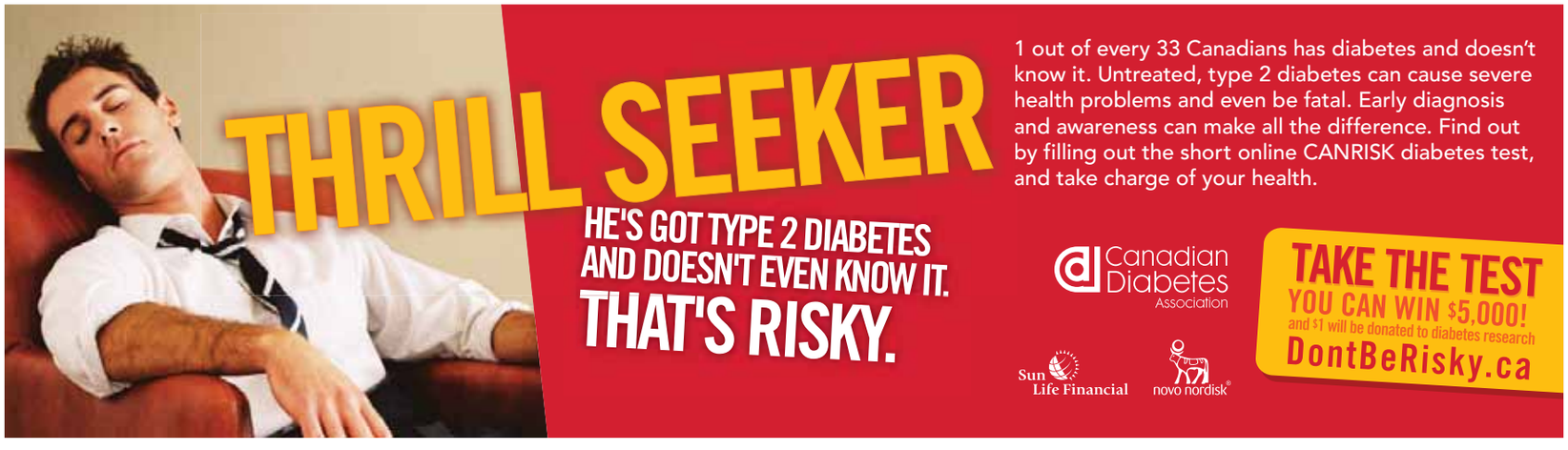
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Nenshi ponders Alberta Party cities deal

Property taxes currently collected in Calgary and Edmonton on behalf of the provincial government for education should be ceded to the cities, themselves, to fund much-needed infrastructure, according to Alberta Party leader Greg Clark.

"We need action now to build the transit that we need, to build the housing that we need, the rec centres, and all of the other things that our big cities do," Clark told reporters Tuesday alongside Mayor Naheed Nenshi, with whom he met to discuss his party's proposal.

Nenshi, for his part, said he has "some questions" about that idea, which has been suggested by others in the past and would involve the province making up the difference in education funding from its general revenues.

Nenshi said he did like the "specificity" of the Alberta Party's plan for big cities, which includes creating new legislation to replace the Municipal Government Act that currently governs all the province's municipalities, regardless of population size. "As I've said before I am very happy to speak to any party later about cities," Nenshi said. "And I'm very pleased that municipal issues are becoming a ballot box question in these byelections."

Clark, who is running in the byelection in Calgary-Elbow, said ceding education taxes would be a precursor to a "bigger discussion of exactly what we're going to do to fund the big cities."

Clark said new taxation powers for cities — in particular a hotel room tax, as exists in numerous other Canadian jurisdictions — should be part of the discussion.

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Students from the Calgary Board of Education and Calgary Catholic School District of the more interesting outings for kids in a year that saw out-of-classroom-learning

CBE puts real-life

Out in the field. School trips shot up 25 per cent last year as educators promote value of hands-on experiences

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Calgary Board of Education students are seeing London, they're seeing France and, well, you know how the joke goes.

But laughs aside, the public-school board says it's putting a greater emphasis on getting students out of the classroom — and even out of the country — with field trips that immerse them in nature, science and foreign cultures.

In the 2013-14 school year, the number of what are classified as B, C and D trips organized by the CBE shot up 25 per cent.

The B trips include all excursions outside of Calgary but still within Alberta's borders — everything from hiking in K-Country to touring Drumheller's badlands.

But students are also increasingly venturing on C trips, which are centred around venues in other provinces and include sailing excursions on British Columbia's west coast, attending national student leadership conferences and taking in French language and culture in Quebec City.

Some students are even granted the opportunity to hop aboard a plane for a D trip abroad. There are band festivals in the United States, tours of war monuments in Europe and much more.

"This is about how we build out more relevant, authentic learning experiences for students," said Cathy Faber, the CBE's superintendent of learning innovation.

She noted that the board has also streamlined the process for setting up closer-to-home field trips in a bid to have classes more regularly held in venues like Telus Spark, the Glenbow Museum, Canada Olympic Park and at the Calgary Zoo.

Katerina Irvine, a mother of four, said she fully supports the CBE's push to move students out of the classroom. Her own six-year-old is due to spend a day at Fish Creek Park soon and she fondly recalled pulling one of her older kids out of school at one point to tour around Europe. "It brings the learning more alive for some of them, because every child learns differently, and I know for myself

take in a live feed of a hospital surgery from a viewing room at Telus Spark, one spike. METRO FILE

focus on learning

A young Calgary Board of Education learner gets up close and personal with a giraffe during an excursion to the Calgary Zoo. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

I learn things better when I see them or experience them rather than just reading about them in a textbook."

Asked about the potential cost impacts of the plethora of field trips being offered by the board, Faber said there are financial aid programs in place to assist low-income families and she hadn't been made aware of a case where a child was forced to stay behind.

Total CBE trips in 2013-14

- **In Calgary.** 11,381
- **Outside of Calgary, in Alberta.** 936
- **Outside of Alberta, in Canada.** 92
- **Outside of Canada.** 26

Local

Calgary Zoo to bring in animatronic dinos

Lions and tigers and electronic dinosaurs, oh my!

The Calgary Zoo is in the middle of refurbishing the Prehistoric Park and will introduce 17 dinosaur models to the park. The animatronic dinosaurs will roar in March of 2015.

"These massive machines that mimic dinosaur behaviour will literally breathe new life into Prehistoric Park," Lindsey Galloway, communications director at the Calgary Zoo, said in a release.

The creatures look and sound like dinosaurs. They can move, they roar and can be controlled by the push of a button. The Prehistoric Park will remain closed to prepare for the arrival. METRO

Courts

Judge pushes for space heater ban after fatal fires

An Alberta judge wants portable space heaters banned in hotels and motels across the province.

Judge Kathleen Williams makes the recommendation in a fatality inquiry report examining the 2010 death of a man in the Bonnyville Hotel. Raymond Joseph Belanger, who is 67, had mobility issues and was unable to get out of the three-storey building. He died of smoke inhalation.

Fire officials determined the blaze was sparked by a space heater in a room next to Belanger's. Williams wrote that a space heater also started a fire that killed two people at the Oyen Hotel in 2005.

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Tight, two-way race in YYC: Poll

Byelections. ThinkHQ says the Wildrose is sitting at 38 per cent in Calgary and the PC party at 36 per cent

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With four byelections looming in Alberta's two biggest cities, new poll results show a dead heat between the Wildrose and PC party in Calgary, and a tight three-way race in Edmonton.

An online survey by ThinkHQ Public Affairs Inc. has the Wildrose sitting at 38 per cent in Calgary to the PC party's 36 per cent. The Liberals are a distant third at 13 per cent, followed by the NDP at eight percent and the Alberta Party at four per cent.

In the provincial capital, meanwhile, the race is even tighter.

"The political horserace in Edmonton today is too close to call: a statistical 3-way tie between the Wildrose, PCs and NDP, with the Liberals trailing these front-runners by almost double digits," ThinkHQ president Marc Henry wrote in a release, posted online Tuesday evening.

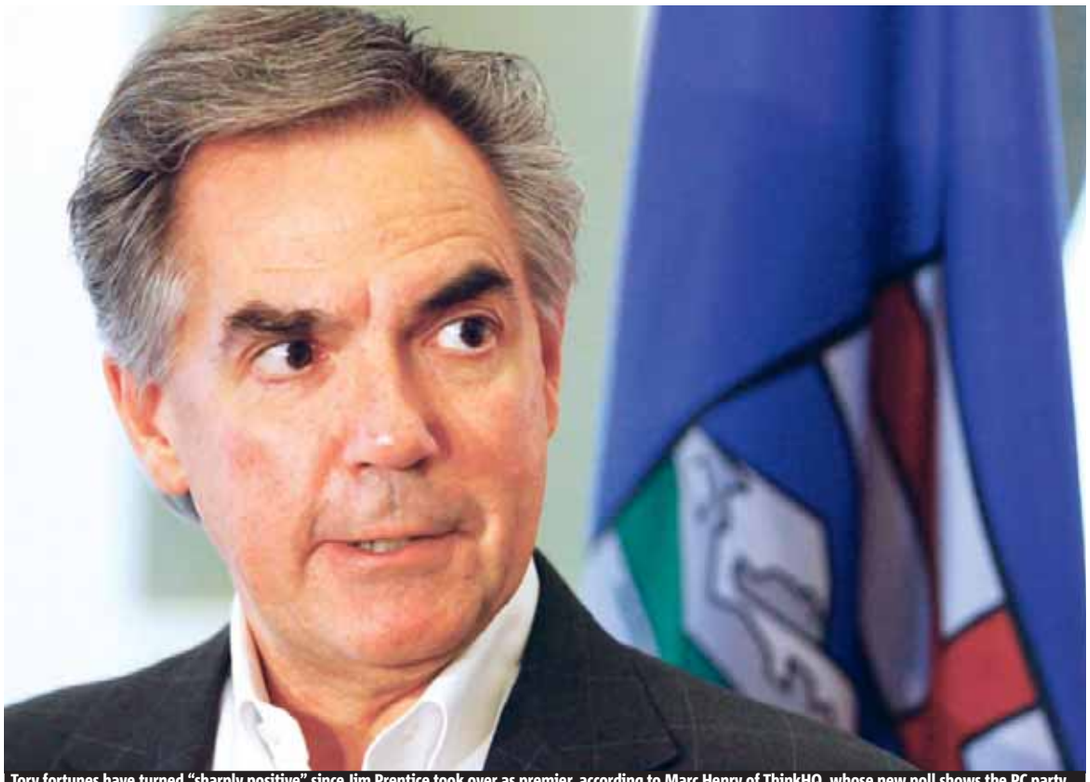
Henry cautioned that the results "are drawn from a province-wide sample … and represent responses gleaned within each of the major cities."

As such, these results don't offer precise measures of voter intentions in the constituencies of Calgary-Elbow, Calgary-Foothills, Calgary-West and Edmonton-Whitemud, where byelections are to be held on Oct. 27.

"Byelections are notoriously 'local' in nature, and unpredictable. There will inevitably be variations from the city-wide results on the basis of individual candidates and local events," Henry wrote.

"That said," he added, "these results suggest that the byelections on October 27 will be far more interesting and competitive than anyone would have predicted 6 months ago."

The online poll was conducted Oct. 6-9 with 1,419 respondents across Alberta.



Tory fortunes have turned "sharply positive" since Jim Prentice took over as premier, according to Marc Henry of ThinkHQ, whose new poll shows the PC party gaining 10 percentage points in Edmonton since March. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

In the provincial capital

In Edmonton, ThinkHQ found a three-way tie between the Wildrose, PCs and NDP. The Liberals trail these front-runners by almost double digits.

- The PC vote has risen 10 percentage points since March, while the Wildrose is down slightly and the NDP is holding steady, Henry said.

Proposal

Councillors reject policy of disclosure for their families' financial interests

City councillors gave the thumbs-down Tuesday to a proposal backed by Mayor Naheed Nenshi to make them disclose much more information about what they — and their families — own.

The proposed "Disclosure Policy for Members of Council" would go beyond resurrecting the city's former real-estate disclosure registry, which was established in 1972 but discontinued in 2000.

In addition to properties they own, the new policy would require councillors to disclose financial holdings in corporations, as well as any outside employers — not just their own, but those of their spouses and any dependent children, too.

"What my children do is none of my business," said Coun. Ray Jones.

City solicitor Glenda Cole, however, noted the Municipal Government Act (MGA) already includes councillors' children in its section mandating declarations of pecuniary interests.

"That is your concern," she told Jones.

Councillors on the city's legislative governance task force rejected the policy Tuesday but it will still go to a full meeting of council in November for another vote. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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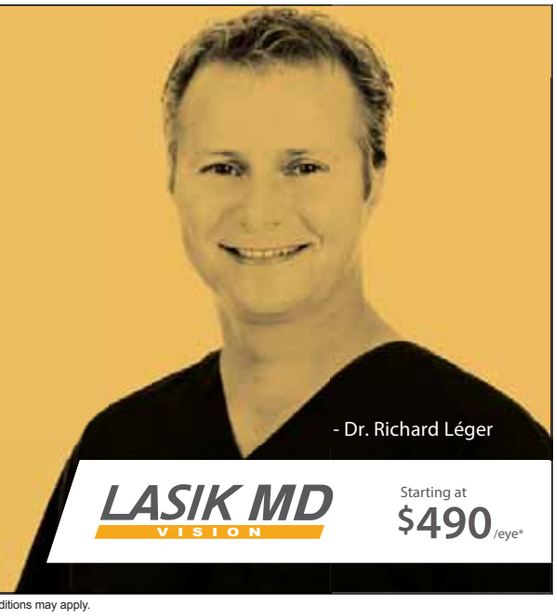

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U of C says it has student support for tuition hikes

Education. But aspiring engineers remain opposed to market-modifier application

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University of Calgary officials say they've received "conditional support" from two out of three student groups on proposals that could see their members forced to fork over hundreds in additional tuition dollars in the coming years.

But there were signs — literally — of turmoil on campus Tuesday as a small cluster of self-described "rabble rousers" showed up at a regularly scheduled budget town hall with placards protesting market-modifier increases.

One sign read "I Sigh" — an apparent shot at the university's Eyes High research strategy — and another pointed out the salaries paid to U of C president Elizabeth Cannon and provost Dru Marshall.

The U of C and at least eight other schools will submit up to three proposals apiece this week to the province to boost tuition by an amount higher than the legislated inflationary rate increase.

The U of C will be seeking a $170 per-course increase in engineering, a $250 increase in law and a $300 increase in the graduate business administration program.

Marshall said she's received letters offering support for the increases from both law and business student representatives, providing some conditions are met. She also noted that while some schools have refrained from publicizing the increases they'll be seeking, the U of C released dollar amounts for its proposals weeks ago.

"We've allowed students to actually change the proposals where it was warranted," Marshall said.

But both representatives with the campus students' union and the Engineering Students' Society (ESS) have continued to question whether meetings they've had with school administrators, including Marshall, have actually made a difference.

Christine Ochitwa, president of ESS, said the public release of the dollar amounts has helped, but there is a larger question of whether the modifier application is necessary at all.

"It doesn't really help with students feeling like they're being consulted if people are asking you where the decimal point should be moved to and not what the bigger-picture issues are," she said.

During the town hall Tuesday, Marshall noted that engineering's cost to students comes in at roughly $2,600 less than the average among "peer institutions" across the country. The province has said market modifiers attempt to counter scenarios where an Alberta institution is charging less for a program than comparable institutions elsewhere.

It's expected the province will approve or deny all modifier pitches in mid-November.

Students come armed with signs to a budget town hall Tuesday at the University of Calgary, as a deadline arrives to submit market-modifier tuition-hike proposals. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Health. Conservatives aim to open up continuing-care spaces for elderly

Premier Jim Prentice says the province is embarking on a new plan to get 700 seniors out of overcrowded hospitals and into proper care facilities.

But the opposition says it's another government shell game intended to buy a campaigning premier and health minister a little popularity while failing to gain seniors the care they deserve.

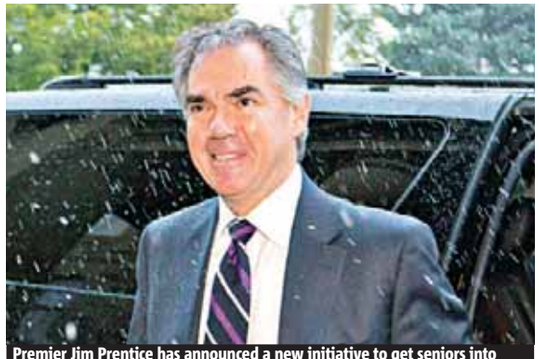
Prentice announced the plan on Tuesday, saying the province will redirect existing resources over the next year to free up 464 continuing-care spaces for seniors.

Another $60 million will be spent by Alberta Health Services to find long-term or continuing-care beds for the rest of the 700.

Seniors Minister Jeff Johnson will then use another $120 million to get more care facilities built as quickly as possible.

"These challenges cannot wait," said Prentice, standing beside Health Minister Stephen Mandel at a news conference at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Prentice said the goal is "looking to ensure that we allocate the right resources in the right places at the right points in time."



Premier Jim Prentice has announced a new initiative to get seniors into care facilities. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Due to bed shortages in long term and continuing care, about 700 seniors are currently taking up much more expensive acute-care beds in hospitals.

That has created a domino effect of problems.

Opposition critics said the key is long-term care beds versus continuing-care beds, noting the continuing-care beds are cheaper to operate and demand the patients pay for medications and other administrative expenses.

Long-term beds, however, provide 24-hour legislated care with more costs borne by the province.

"What we need specifically in this province are long-term-care beds to move the most fragile people from hospital," said NDP critic David Eggen.

"This (announcement) is a campaign stunt more than anything substantive, and they (the PCs) should be ashamed of themselves."

Prentice and Mandel are currently running in two of four byelections to gain seats in the legislature. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mandel vows to pay back any improper donations

Health minister. Wildrose points finger at former Edmonton mayor

Health Minister Stephen Mandel, accused by the Opposition Wildrose of breaking campaign finance rules, says he is sorry and will pay the money back — if he is at fault.

"I tried to be very careful with my expenses over the nine years as mayor," Mandel told reporters Tuesday.

"If there was any error, we'll apologize for it and we'll correct it."

A reporter asked, "You'll be paying the money back, then?"

Mandel replied, "Sure, yeah, yes, yes, yeah."

Earlier Tuesday, the Wildrose party released expense documents from Mandel's time as mayor of Edmonton.

The documents show Mandel charged taxpayers $225 to attend a Progressive Conservative party fundraiser in 2010.

The documents also show that he accepted an improper $600 donation from the publicly funded Mazankowski Heart Institute in 2012.

Both transactions would violate provincial campaign fundraising laws.

Wildrose member Kerry Towle says it doesn't bode well if Mandel is fuzzy on campaign fundraising rules, given he's now in charge of a multibillion-dollar health department.

"I would find it very hard to believe that in 2010, the mayor of one of the largest cities in Alberta didn't know that he couldn't take a donation from Alberta Health Services, and didn't know that he couldn't make a donation to a political party and then charge it back to taxpayers," said Towle. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Black Diamond

Pair charged after drug bust

Two people were arrested after a rural drug bust at a Black Diamond home last week.

Turner Valley RCMP along with ALERT Calgary were responding to public safety concerns about the alleged drug trafficking operation when they exercised a search warrant on the home. Police said numerous complaints about suspected drug activity at the home had been lodged.

Police found two kilograms of marijuana, a long rifle, $1,000 in cash and other drug paraphernalia.

Brian Blakeman, 56, and Tammy Forsyth, 44, were jointly charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking, proceeds of crime, unsafe storage of a firearm and possession of a firearm without a licence.

"In a small community such as Black Diamond, a drug operation like this can have a large impact. It is in co-operation with our communities, and other agencies, that we can contribute to a safer environment for all," said Sgt. Paulina Larrey-King of Turner Valley RCMP.

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Crime. Dozens of vehicles hit in vandalism spree

The Calgary Police Service is reporting an unusual spike in car vandalism this Thanksgiving weekend.

"We haven't had anything similar to that recently," said Const. Karen MacLeod. "Often something will happen like, car windows or side-view mirrors, but I've never seen over 30 vehicles targeted in one night."

In Ogden, Stefan Auger says at least three cars were hit on his block. He hasn't had a chance to fix his car yet; money is a concern.

"I work shift work, my wife has appointments with kids and all that," Auger said. They're down to one car until the smashed window on their second vehicle can be fixed.

Cars were hit overnight Oct. 11 in Ogden, Kingsland, Oakridge and Palliser. Victims of the attacks told police their cars had been smashed or shattered by an unknown object.

Police haven't found any evidence, but they think damage could have been done by some sort of pellet gun.

From the pattern of the impacts, and because the cars were parked on the street, police believe vehicles were either shot at from the driver's side or by someone on foot.

No valuables were taken from the vehicles.

If your car was targeted, or if you have any information please contact police at 403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers anonymously.

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Vandals struck more than 30 cars over the Thanksgiving weekend, leaving windows smashed and shattered. HELEN PIKE/METRO

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Pistorius offered slain girlfriend's family 'blood money': Prosecutor

Sentencing hearing. Offer revealed during cross-examination of a social worker over what Pistorius's punishment should be

Oscar Pistorius offered $34,000 US to the family of girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp after he killed her, but they rejected it because they did not want "blood money," a prosecutor said Tuesday on the second day of the sentencing hearing for the double-amputee athlete.

Chief prosecutor Gerrie Nel also referred to separate monthly payments of $550 that Pistorius apparently did make to Steenkamp's parents after they asked for help. Nel said that money would be paid back in full.

Oscar Pistorius leaves North Gauteng High Court Tuesday in Pretoria, South Africa. Pistorius will be sentenced having been found guilty of the culpable homicide of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp after mistaking her for an intruder.
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Outside the courtroom, a lawyer for Steenkamp's parents said they had asked him to contact Pistorius's attorneys weeks after the Feb. 14, 2013, shooting because they were struggling financially. Pistorius offered them monthly payments and asked they be kept confidential, Steenkamp lawyer Dup de Bruyn said.

Yet Steenkamp's mother referred to the other offer of $34,000 that the family rejected as "blood money" and asked prosecutor Nel to call it that in court, de Bruyn said.

"The words 'blood money' are her words," de Bruyn said.

Social worker Annette Vergeer, one of four witnesses called by the defence, testified that Pistorius should be placed under house arrest, rather than sent to prison, after his conviction for culpable homicide, or negligent killing. She said Pistorius has the potential to be a productive member of society again. A sentence of house arrest and work at a school for disabled children would be more appropriate, she said.

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Sentencing

Light or heavy, judge to decide

Judge Thokozile Masipa has wide latitude when deciding on a sentence — from a fine and a suspended jail term to 15 years in prison. The judge found Oscar Pistorius not guilty of murder, concluding he acted hastily and with excessive force, but didn't intend to kill Reeva Steenkamp.

Two social workers have recommended that Pistorius be given a three-year correctional supervision sentence, which would place him under house arrest and require him to do community service. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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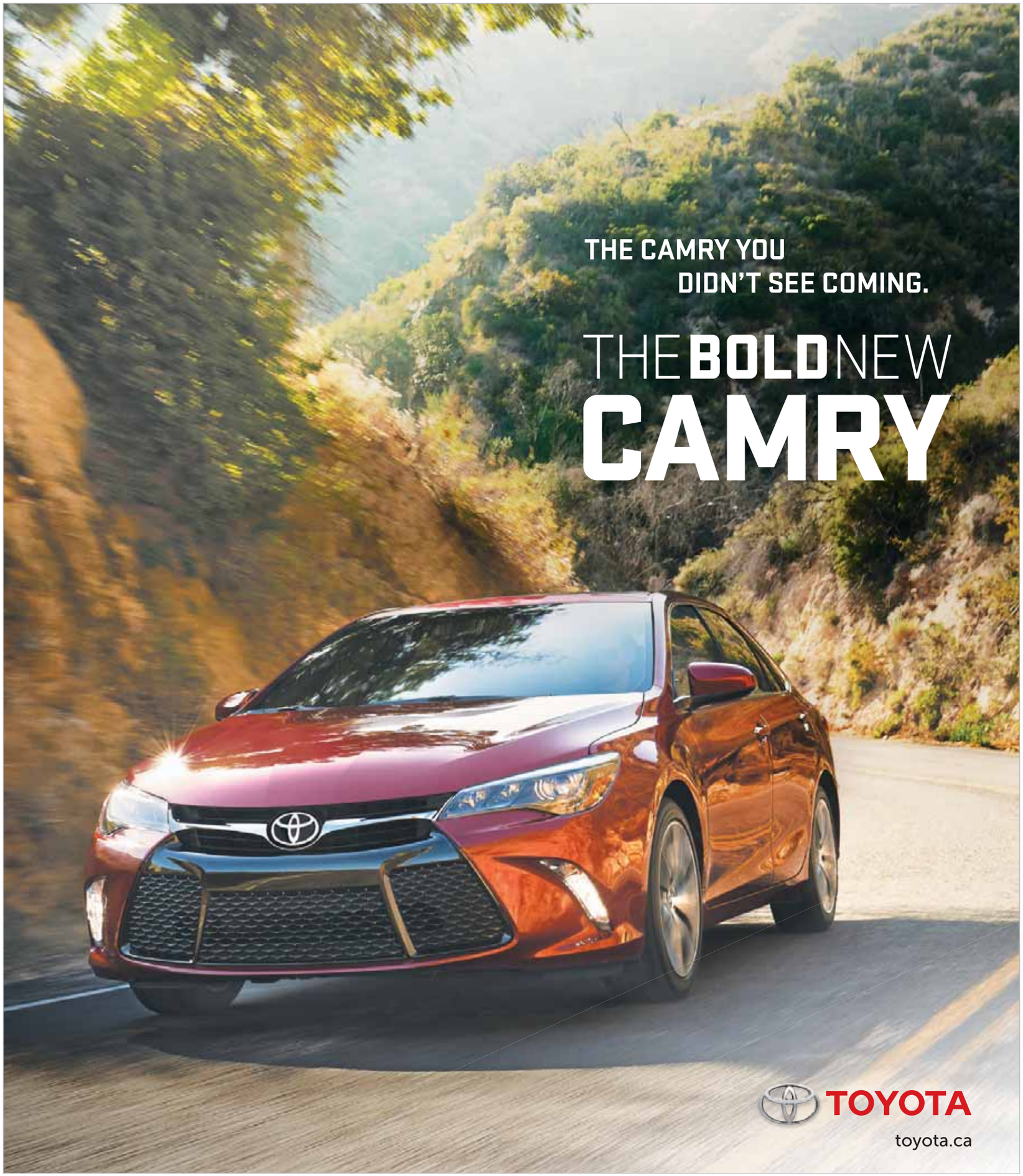
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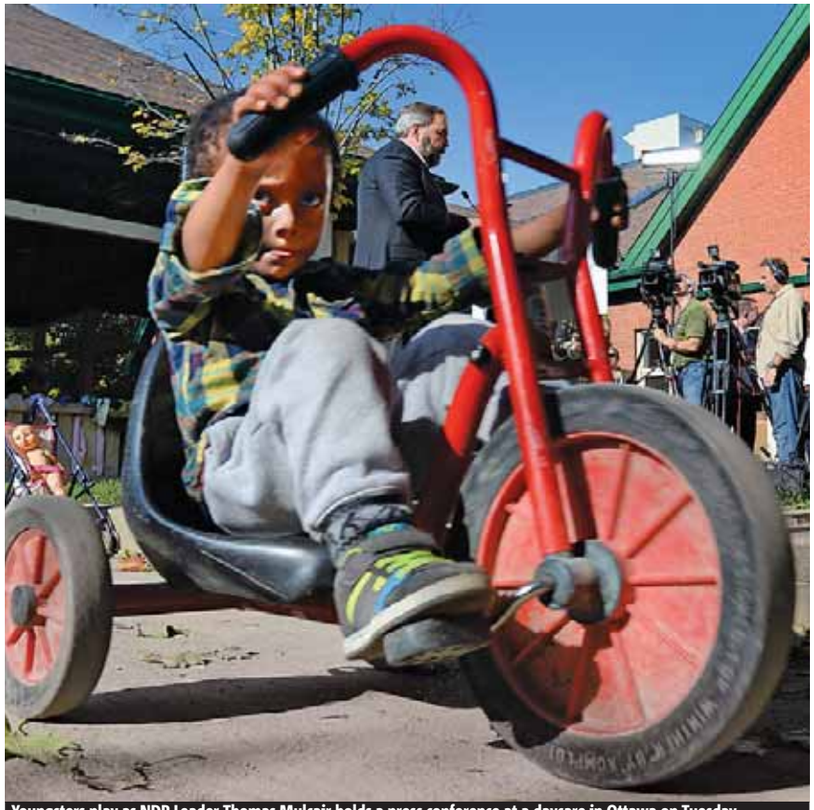

Youngsters play as NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair holds a press conference at a daycare in Ottawa on Tuesday.
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NDP vows to create 1 million subsidized $15 daycare spaces

Phased in over eight years. Plan would cost feds $5 billion yearly, announces Mulcair

An NDP government would spend $5 billion a year to create a million daycare spaces that parents could access for no more than $15 a day, Tom Mulcair promised Tuesday.

A full year ahead of the next scheduled federal election, the NDP leader unveiled a cornerstone of his party's platform: Creation of a national, affordable child-care program, to be phased in over eight years.

The announcement had all the trappings of a campaign event, with Mulcair delivering the news in the playground of a community daycare as children cavorted behind him, in full view of television cameras.

"For us it's a priority to create these affordable child-care spaces across the country," Mulcair said.

The proposal is the second platform plank New Democrats have unveiled this fall as they attempt to re-establish that they, not the resurgent Liberals, are the real government-in-waiting.

Mulcair argued that a national child-care program would "more than pay for itself," allowing more women to enter the workforce, boosting economic growth and tax revenue and reducing the number of single mothers on social assistance — while ensuring kids get off to a good start in life.

"It's something that we can't afford not to do."

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In the first term of an NDP government, Mulcair is promising to negotiate deals with the provinces, which would pick up 40 per cent of the cost while the feds paid the rest.

- Over the first four years, the annual federal contribution would ramp up from $290 million to $1.9 billion, creating or helping maintain almost 800,000 child-care spaces. Over the second four years, the annual federal contribution would grow to $5 billion. Once phased in, Mulcair said the program would support or maintain the creation of one million daycare spaces.

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Court orders Brazeau to do two months of rehab

A Quebec court has ordered suspended senator Patrick Brazeau to go to rehab for two months after he was arrested Monday for allegedly being drunk behind the wheel of a parked car with a knife in the vehicle.

Crown attorney Sylvain Petitclerc says Brazeau will be released Wednesday into the care of a rehabilitation facility in Sherbrooke, Que.

Brazeau faces three charges — two related to being behind the wheel of a car while impaired, and a third for possessing a weapon in breach of his bail conditions.

Petitclerc says he'll remain in rehab until Dec. 8, the date of his next court appearance on the latest charges, but his therapy may continue for up to two years.

The senator spent the night in custody after a police officer who spotted Brazeau alone in a car reported smelling alcohol on his breath and finding a knife in the car.

Gatineau police spokesman Const. Pierre Lanthier says Brazeau was arrested after he blew twice the legal limit during a roadside breathalyzer test. Police say he also failed a second breathalyzer test at the police station.

Sen. Patrick Brazeau arrives at the Senate in Ottawa on Oct. 22, 2013. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The car has been impounded for 30 days, and Brazeau's licence has been suspended for 90 days.

Lanthier said he didn't know if the car belonged to Brazeau or to someone else.

This is Brazeau's second trip to rehab in recent months. Earlier this year, he completed a stint at a rehabilitation facility in the Quebec municipality of Saint-Andre-d'Argenteuil, which is located along the Ottawa River just south of the town of Lachute.

That trip resulted from his arrest in April, when he was charged with assault, possession of cocaine, uttering threats and breaching bail conditions following an altercation involving a man and a woman at a home in Gatineau. He has pleaded not guilty to those charges.

One of the conditions of his release from custody in April was that he not possess any weapons.

Brazeau also faces charges of assault and sexual assault in relation to a separate incident from February 2013 that got him booted from the Conservative caucus. He will stand trial for those charges in late March 2015.

He also faces charges of fraud and breach of trust in connection with his Senate expense claims. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Shedding a little light on adult ADHD

October is a month dedicated to awareness about one of the most common mental health issues in Canada, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or ADHD. It may be common, however it is still a highly stigmatized and misunderstood disorder and one that can have an extreme impact on the more than four per cent of Canadian adults that are living and working with ADHD.

Often thought of as a condition that predominantly affects young children, the stark reality is that many adults in Canada suffer from negative symptoms associated with ADHD, such as distractibility, forgetfulness and procrastination, just to name a few.

These symptoms have dramatic impacts in the workplace that are far reaching beyond the individual and employer — socially, economically, and professionally.

According to the Centre for ADHD Awareness Canada (CADDAC), more than 90 per cent of Canadian adults with ADHD remain untreated, mainly due to lack of awareness of the condition and knowledgeable physicians. Heidi Bernhardt, president and executive director at CADDAC, explains how untreated adults can spend their lives struggling: "it is incredibly difficult for someone who is living with ADHD, to implement strategies and access treatment if they are unaware of the disorder or how it may impact their functioning."

Award winning comedian and actor, Rick Green, who was diagnosed with ADHD as an adult, candidly speaks about his ADHD traits and how they were both beneficial and detrimental to his career.

"I could write, direct and produce a TV show, yet couldn't find my car keys every morning. I could sit down and create a brand new television series in an hour but after four days, barely started my tax return."

As part of the awareness activities this month, CADDAC is looking to elevate the issue of ADHD in the workplace and encourage an open dialogue between employees and employers. Often when the employee and employer work together to put simple strategies and accommodations in place, it becomes a win-win scenario for both.

"For me, getting the diagnosis of ADHD was transformative because suddenly I understood why I struggled with some pretty simple things. I think more than any other mental health issue, education about ADHD is crucial — when I started to deal with my ADHD, life got so much easier."

Actor Rick Green CONTRIBUTED

"If you are suffering, it could be needless suffering."

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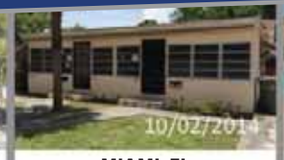

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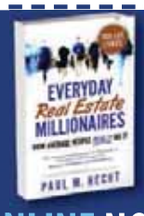

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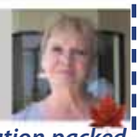

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Ebola-themed costumes stirring controversy as Halloween approaches

'People are definitely asking.' Stores, social media buzzing about costumes based from the disease that has claimed over 4,000

No holiday screams pop culture controversy quite like Halloween.

So what's the costume flap of the year? It might just be Ebola, as in Ebola zombies, sexy Ebola patients and faux protective gear.

Twitter and other social media were abuzz leading into the holiday with talk of hazmat suits and respirators. Too soon? How about not at all, said Philadelphia physician's assistant Maria McKenna.

One of her own, a Dallas nurse who at 26 is exactly her age, was diagnosed with the virus in the United States after she helped care for a Liberian man who died at her hospital.

The idea of riffing on the crisis for Halloween "definitely rubs me the wrong way," said McKenna, who works with post-surgical patients.

"Normally I think that irony and humour is funny, but this thing with the costumes, is it really that funny? I mean, Ebola's not even under control yet," she said Monday by telephone.

Like it or not, some costume sellers have leftover yellow jumpsuits, rubber gloves and masks from the Breaking Bad craze last Halloween. Some sellers predict Halloweeners will repurpose those for takes on Ebola or make their own getups.

Halloween, falling on a Friday, is sure to be a big season for many costume sellers, including Ricky's NYC.

Some revellers are notoriously last-minute on costumes, so it was a bit too early to tell whether all the talk about dressing up as Ebola something or other will actually take off. Talk, after all, especially on social media, is cheap.

"I wouldn't say we can see an uptick in sales. I'd say it's still chugging along because it's a good seller no matter what," said Ricky's president Richard Parrott of the Breaking Bad look.

"But people are definitely asking about an Ebola-type costume."

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To sell, or not to sell

Costume sellers are torn on whether to sell Ebola Halloween costumes.

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Plain packaging for tobacco 'logical next step': Cancer Society

The Canadian Cancer Society says plain packaging for tobacco products is a "logical next step" to curb tobacco marketing and save lives.

In a report released Tuesday, the society urges Health Canada to follow Australia and other countries by implementing plain packaging.

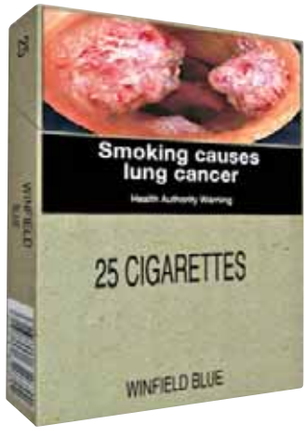
Such packaging means tobacco company colours, logo and design elements are not allowed. Health warnings would still appear on plain packages.

The society says data from Australia shows smoking has fallen sharply since plain olive brown packaging was introduced in December 2012.

Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and France are all in the process of requiring plain packaging.

Rob Cunningham, a senior policy analyst at the society, says cigarette packages "should not be mini-billboards promoting tobacco use.... Plain packaging is an important and logical next step for Canada to curb tobacco marketing, reduce smoking and save lives."

The Canadian Cancer Society report also ranks 198 countries and jurisdictions based on the size of their health warnings on cigarette packages, with Canada tied for fourth place. THE CANADIAN PRESS



An Australian mock-up of a proposed cigarette package with the banding removed and graphic health warnings displayed is pictured in 2010. The Canadian Cancer Society says plain packaging for tobacco products is the next step to curb tobacco marketing and save lives. DEPT. OF HEALTH AND AGING/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Exposure of kids to e-cig nicotine rises

The drug. It comes in brightly coloured refill packages and an array of candy flavours

Daniel Pettley exhales vapour as he demonstrates the use of his electronic cigarette at Salt Lake Vapors in Salt Lake City. Poison control workers say that as the e-cigarette industry has boomed, the number of children exposed to the liquid nicotine, seen in inset, is also spiking. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Poison control workers say that as the e-cigarette industry has boomed, the number of children exposed to the liquid nicotine that gives hand-held vaporizing gadgets their kick also has spiked.

More than 2,700 people have called poison control this year to report an exposure to liquid nicotine, over half of those cases in children younger than six, according to national statistics. The number shows a sharp rise from only a few hundred total cases just three years ago.

The battery-powered electronic vaporizers often resemble traditional cigarettes and work by heating liquid nicotine into an inhalable mist. The drug comes in brightly coloured refill packages and an array of candy flavours that can make it attractive to young children, heightening the exposure risk and highlighting the need for users to keep it away from youngsters.

"With kids, the exposure we're seeing is usually parents or family members leave out refill bottles that they try and open," said Ashley Webb, director of the Kentucky Regional Poison Control Center.

Poison control workers often see a spike in calls with new and growing products, Webb said. The number of e-cigarette users has climbed to several million worldwide, and the devices have become the centre of an industry that has grown in the last four years from about $82 million to $2.5 billion in annual sales, at least $500 million of which comes from liquid nicotine.

Despite the recent increase, liquid nicotine exposures are still less than half of traditional cigarettes, but e-juice is potentially more toxic, said Robert Bassett, a medical toxicologist in Philadelphia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A doctor keeps a pedestrian away from the JFK Ebola treatment centre in Monrovia, Liberia. The World Health Organization raised its Ebola death toll tally Tuesday to 4,447 people, nearly all of them in West Africa, out of more than 8,900 believed to be infected. JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES

WHO predicts 10,000 new cases of Ebola per week

World Health Organization. The UN agency warns of grim situation if world's response to the crisis isn't stepped up

West Africa could face up to 10,000 new Ebola cases a week within two months, the World Health Organization warned Tuesday, adding that the death rate in the current outbreak has risen to 70 per cent.

WHO assistant director-general Dr. Bruce Aylward gave the grim figures during a news conference in Geneva. Previously, the agency had estimated the Ebola mortality rate at around 50 per cent overall. In contrast, in events such as flu pandemics, the death rate is typically under two per cent.

Acknowledging that Ebola was "a high mortality disease," Aylward said the UN health agency was still focused on trying to get sick people isolated and provide treatment as early as possible.

He told reporters if the world's response to the Ebola crisis isn't stepped up within 60 days, "a lot more people will die" and health workers will be stretched even further. Experts say the epidemic is doubling in size about every three weeks.

WHO raised its Ebola death toll tally Tuesday to 4,447 people, nearly all of them in West Africa, out of more than 8,900 believed to be infected. Aylward said calculating the death rate means tracking the outcomes of all possible patients — a complicated process since the numbers of cases are substantially underreported and much patient data is missing.

Health workers have been hit hard by the virus, which is spread by contact with bodily fluids like blood, vomit and diarrhea. Doctors Without Borders said 16 of its employees had been infected with Ebola and nine of them have died.

Speaking Tuesday in Johannesburg, the head of the charity's South Africa unit, Sharon Ekambaram, said medical workers have received woefully inadequate assistance from the international community.

"Where is WHO Africa? Where is the African Union?" said Ekambaram. "We've all heard their promises in the media but have seen very little on the ground."

For the last month, there's been about 1,000 new Ebola cases per week — including suspected, confirmed and probable cases, Aylward said. The UN agency was aiming to get 70 per cent of Ebola cases isolated and 70 per cent of victims safely buried by December to reverse the outbreak. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In numbers

4,447

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U.S.-Ebola case

Texas nurse says she's doing well

Nina Pham, 26.
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The Texas nurse who became the first person to contract Ebola on American soil said Tuesday that she is doing well as her hospital expressed optimism about her recovery.

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas released a statement on Nina Pham's behalf Tuesday. The comments were her first since she became infected with Ebola while caring for a man from Liberia who later died of the disease.

"I'm doing well and want to thank everyone for their kind wishes and prayers," Pham said.
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Donation

Facebook CEO, wife giving $25M to fight Ebola

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, are donating $25 million US to the CDC Foundation to help address the Ebola epidemic.

The money will be used by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Ebola response effort in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone and elsewhere in the world where Ebola is a threat, the foundation said Tuesday.

The grant follows a $9-million donation made by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen last month. Zuckerberg and Chan are making the grant from their fund at the non-profit Silicon Valley Community Foundation.
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Facebook president and CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, are donating $25 million US to the CDC Foundation to help address the Ebola epidemic, the foundation said Tuesday.
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Weary-looking Toronto Mayor Rob Ford casts advance ballot

Battling cancer. Ford said he is returning for another round of chemotherapy on Oct. 29 — two days after the election

A weary-looking Rob Ford cast his ballot today as advance polls opened ahead of the Toronto municipal election.

Ford, who is between chemotherapy treatments for a rare and aggressive form of cancer, says he wanted to support his brother Doug Ford's bid for the mayor's job.

Speaking to reporters outside the polling station, the mayor said he is tired and feeling "not very good."

He said he is returning for another round of chemotherapy on Oct. 29 — two days after the election.

Ford pulled out of the mayoral race after being admitted to hospital last month and has been campaigning for his former council seat.

His brother then announced he would run for mayor, saying he wants to continue the work they began four years ago.

"My brother's going to be the best mayor the city's ever had," Rob Ford said.

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"My brother's going to be the best mayor the city's ever had."

Rob Ford, referring to his brother Doug

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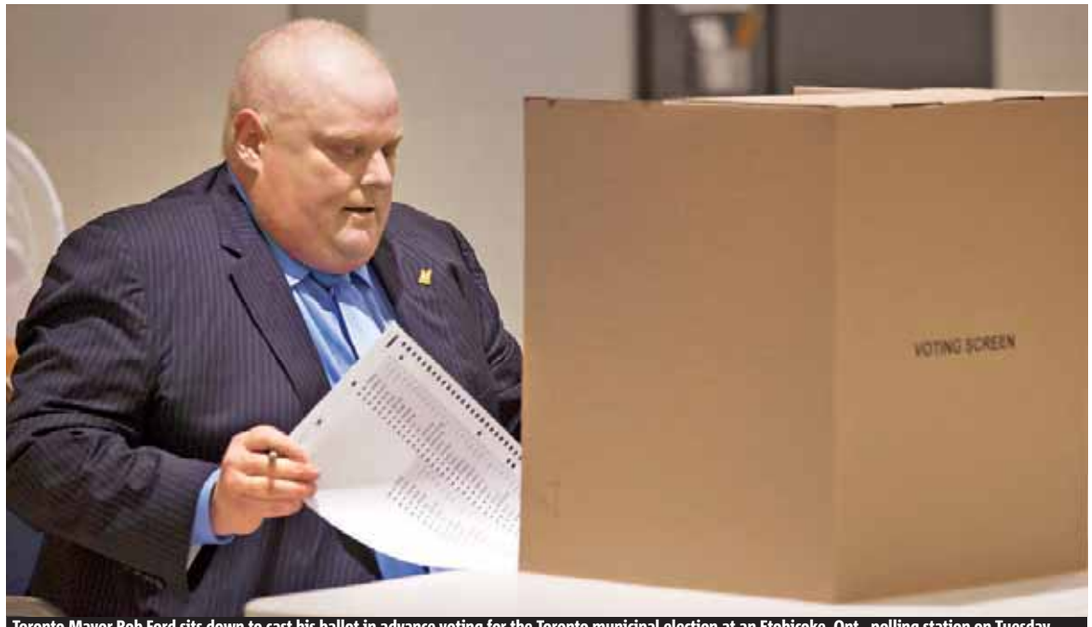

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford sits down to cast his ballot in advance voting for the Toronto municipal election at an Etobicoke, Ont., polling station on Tuesday.

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Biologist describes grisly video at Magnotta trial

Luka Rocco Magnotta is pictured in Berlin, Germany, in a court photo.

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CAUTION: GRAPHIC CONTENT.

A forensic biologist has told the jury in Luka Rocco Magnotta's first-degree murder trial in Montreal that after watching a so-called murder video, she was able to know where to look for blood stains that turned out to be Jun Lin's.

Jacinthe Prevost said she watched the video twice — once before entering Magnotta's apartment for the first time and once before examining the evidence.

Prevost examined blood stains found throughout the apartment and on exhibits seized by police at the crime scene.

The jury has not yet seen the video but has been told of its existence.

"They (investigators) told me what it was briefly and they asked if I wanted to see it and I said 'yes,'" she testified Tuesday.

Prevost described what she could remember of the video: a body lying prone on a bed and someone wearing a hoodie who appears to be stabbing the victim with a sharp object.

Later, there is an attempt to masturbate using a severed right arm as well as anal penetration on a mutilated corpse.

Prevost said a small black dog can be seen chewing on a severed limb while, in other sequences, there were various images of a severed arm in the freezer.

She said she was struck by how few items were found in the bachelor apartment.

"The apartment was empty, it was a semi-furnished with no personal effects," Prevost said.

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At a glance

- Luka Rocco Magnotta, 32, has pleaded not guilty to five charges in Jun Lin's murder and dismemberment in late May 2012.
- Magnotta has admitted to the acts he's accused of in Lin's death, but is arguing he is not criminally responsible by way of mental disorder.

En route to Paris

Unruly passenger forces jet to land in N.L., police say

The RCMP say an Air France flight en route to Paris made an unexpected stop in Newfoundland because of an intoxicated and unruly passenger.

The Mounties say the Boeing 777 touched down safely at Gander International Airport on Sunday shortly after 10 p.m. after taking off from New York. Police allege a passenger refused to follow instructions from the flight crew and the captain felt the woman posed a safety risk to other passengers. Officers boarded the aircraft when it landed in Gander and arrested a 65-year-old American woman.

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California

Lawmaker hopes to rename tunnel after Robin Williams

A California lawmaker said he plans to introduce a resolution to rename a tunnel north of the Golden Gate Bridge after the late comedian Robin Williams.

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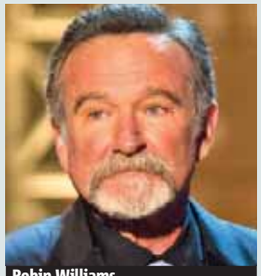

Robin Williams

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Honolulu International

Passenger arrested for sexual assault aboard plane: FBI

A Japan Airlines flight had to return to Honolulu after a male passenger sexually assaulted a female passenger in the airplane's bathroom, the FBI said.

FBI agents arrested Michael Tanouye, 29, Saturday night at Honolulu International Airport for interfering with a flight crew and aggravated sexual assault aboard an aircraft.

The flight was en route to Kansai International Airport when Tanouye forced his way into a bathroom and sexually assaulted a woman, according to an FBI affidavit.

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Natural gas: $3.92 US (-$0.09)
Dow Jones: 16,315.19 (-5.88)

Tweeting in French

#MakePayment

In France, Twitter users can now publicly repay debts, donate to charity or chip in for a gift with a new payment service backed by the country's second-largest banking service. Users tweet a payment request to S-money, which then requires an authentication code before sending the amount.

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Arthur Budovsky

Liberty Reserve founder enters not guilty plea

Arthur Budovsky, founder of payment processing company Liberty Reserve, made his first appearance in a U.S. courtroom Tuesday, pleading not guilty to charges that his online bank laundered billions for criminals.

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Canadians pay too much for generic drug: Study

'Grossly deficient.'
Provinces, territories faulted for establishing a set price ceiling at 18 per cent of the cost of brand-name drugs

A new study has found that Canada is still paying far more than other industrialized countries for generic drugs, despite recent efforts by the provinces and territories to cuts costs by bulk-buying six particularly costly medications.

The study by the University of Ottawa and the Bruyere Research Institute says the price tags on the six drugs — which include medications for high blood pressure and high cholesterol — remain much higher in Canada than they are elsewhere. It adds that while Canadians are saving some money under the bulk-purchasing scheme, they're still spending much more than people in the U.K., Germany, New Zealand, Sweden and the United States.

The study, published Tuesday on openmedicine.ca, faults the provinces and territories for establishing a set price ceiling for generics at 18 per cent of the cost of brand-name drugs, saying they could drive much harder bargains with a national competitive bidding process of the type that thrives in other countries.

The bulk-buying efforts remain "grossly deficient when one considers the opportunity costs that Canada sustains annually by refraining from adopting one of the alternative systems proven to be more effective in its peer countries."

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Bulk-purchasing scheme

In April 2013, the provinces and territories reached an agreement at a Council of the Federations meeting to pay significantly lower prices for the six drugs — amlodipine, atorvastatin, omeprazole, rabeprazole, ramipril and venlafaxine — by joining forces to buy them in bulk.

- Those medications account for about 20 per cent of publicly funded spending on drugs.

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Quest for Parthenon Marbles

Lawyer Amal Clooney, who recently married actor George Clooney, attends a meeting with Greek Culture Minister Kostas Tassoulas in Athens, Tuesday. Lawyers Geoffrey Robertson and Amal Clooney arrived Monday on a four-day visit to meet government officials, including Prime Minister Antonis Samaras, and advise on Greece's quest to have the Parthenon Marbles returned to Athens.

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WHOLE NEW MEANING TO GOOGLE DOCS

JUST SAYIN'

Paul Sullivan
metronews.ca

If you're looking for a surefire way to get your doctor to snort and roll his/her eyes, start a sentence with "I looked it up on the Internet ..."

And by the time you get to "... and it turns out I have a rare form of terminal acne," he/she will be rolling on the floor disabled by derisive laughter.

Doctors believe, not without justification, that the Internet is a cesspool of medical misinformation. But we use it because it's there. It may take two years to get an appointment with Canada's foremost dermatologist, but there's no shortage of acne experts ready with free advice online 24-7.

So the news that Google is testing a program that allows you to talk to a real doctor via online video is more than good news for people with spots.

It looks like the next big thing.

Let's see. You have a boo-boo. You go to your GP, wait for at least an hour over the appointed time. You finally get into the examining room, and if it's a complicated boo-boo, he refers you to a specialist. You wait two months, and then go see the specialist, who sends you for a bunch of tests. Then someone books the followup visit.

If you're lucky and you're still alive, maybe you'll get treated for the boo-boo, and maybe relief will follow. Accumulated time: feels like forever.

So imagine tapping "boo-boo" into Google, and connecting to a medical expert who diagnoses your problem right away, just by looking at it. "That's a boo-boo, all right." He sends you to a pharmacy to get the medicine. Relief! Accumulated time: hardly any.

Of course, there are many ailments that actually require tests and deeper exams, but think of all the anxiety diseases a Google doctor program could address, freeing up real health care for people who need it.

In typical Google manner, this program was launched without fanfare. Some guy tapped "knee pain" into Google, and got an offer to connect with a doctor for free (for now). The way Google works, it could well be closed without fanfare by the time you read this piece.

But it's such a good idea that you wonder why it hasn't happened sooner. And if Google doesn't disrupt health care, there are rumours that Facebook is working on its own program. All your friends could "like" your diagnosis.

As with so many other industries that have been rendered obsolete by technology — just like that — there's a sense of inevitability about this. I'm sure there are at least a million reasons why the medical professions and governments that fund them will decide that online doctor programs are bad for your health. But there are too many ways to connect over the Internet and circumvent the bureaucracy. It will happen.

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GETTY IMAGES

The Menara Kuala Lumpur Tower is a very tall building in Malaysia's capital, but it's not that cool twin structure you're likely thinking about — those are the Petronas Towers. Anyway, John Van Horne and two fellow BASE jumpers headed to that tower's observation deck to take a leg-jellying and enviable glide into a neighbouring rooftop pool, located in the 421-metre tower's long shadow. (YouTube/John Van Horne)

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Municipalities in Newfoundland and Labrador are asking to have a cap placed on the number of pets per home. How many is too many?

@Dweller15: all depends of your annual income property you own area you live how close neighborhood if all ok - unlimited

@LBjerring: I have three dogs and three cats. That might be too many for some. How about when the neighbours complain? #stink #noise

@ryanmhowell: As soon as the sum total of animals consume more food than the sum total of people.

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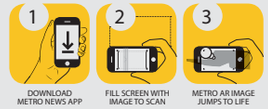

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Putting a real Tiger in tank film

Bona fides. Fury is latest flick obsessed with authenticity, using genuine Second World War combat vehicles

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Fury, the new Second World War film starring Brad Pitt and Shia LaBeouf, is being called the most realistic war film of all time. The story of a U.S. 2nd Armored division tank rolling through Germany in the final days of the war is as authentic as director David Ayers could make it.

Actors were put through their paces at a week-long boot camp, living and sleeping inside tanks. Then there were the tanks themselves. Borrowed from collectors all over the world, Fury is the very first time a genuine Tiger 1 tank has been used in a Second World War film.

Onscreen authenticity has been the goal of many directors. As Michael Cimino once said, "If you don't get it right, what's the point?"

Cimino, director of Heaven's Gate and The Deer Hunter, is a stickler for detail. For a scene in a Chinese eatery in Year of the Dragon, the director hired the Shanghai Palace Restaurant to supply the meals that dotted the tables. Cimino not only wanted to create the look but also the vibrant atmosphere (complete with food smells) of a bona fide restaurant. To that end chefs worked round the clock, whipping up 100 plates at a time, using 500 eggs rolls and hundreds of pounds of chicken, beef, shrimp and vegetables. "If the food got cold we had to throw it away," said chef Charlie Wu. "The food doesn't look good when it is cold."

Any other director would have done the Nut Room scene in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory with computer-generated imagery, but Tim Burton decided he wanted a more lifelike approach. To make sure the scene looked as real as possible, animal trainer Steve Vedmore spent 10 months training 40 real squirrels to crack and sort nuts on a conveyor belt.

Eric Schwab, the second unit director on Bonfire of the Vanities, was asked to grab a shot of the Concorde landing in New York against the backdrop of the setting sun. Schwab spent months studying the rotation of the Earth and the flight path of the plane to capture the perfect, pure moment when the sun framed the landing aircraft.

Finally, it's not just live-action movies that go to extreme lengths for authenticity. The creators of Monsters Inc. individually animated each of giant fuzzball Sully's 2,320,413 hairs to make them look as lifelike as possible. Every frame featuring the character took 11 hours to render.

Logan Lerman CONTRIBUTED

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Nut Cracker Sweets

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Number of real squirrels an animal trainer spent 10 months training to crack and sort nuts on a conveyor belt for the Nut Room scene in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Spar for the course

No pulling punches for this cast

To hear Logan Lerman tell it, working for director David Ayer is its own brand of harrowing. Prep for the Second World War tank drama started with a few weeks of boxing — the cast sparring with each other, their director encouraging them not to hold back. But it's all for the movie, right?

When did you realize the training would involve actually boxing with your co-stars?
Right after I got the role, it was, "Now you're going to start fighting." It was pretty casual at first, and then the guys came in and we really started fighting each other. It got intense in there. And it was a total battle of the egos. It was just who was top dog and, "Now we're going to fight each other and see who's the dominant male." That's kind of similar to what the movie was.

That sounds like a terrifying work environment.
It was tough. And I was the young guy, the inexperienced one ... So yeah, it was a pretty tough year. It was a tough year, man.

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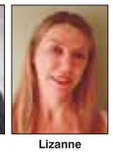
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McCarthy gets a master class from Bill Murray

Showing more range. Bridesmaids star Melissa McCarthy tones down the comedic persona for her role as a struggling mom in St. Vincent

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Melissa McCarthy admits she was nervous to work opposite Bill Murray in St. Vincent.

"Is that not true for every human being?" she asks rhetorically, before adding she was intimidated, "in every possible way.

"He's an icon. It's less about him being one of the funniest human beings, and more about that he's such a good actor. I thought this role was right in his wheelhouse because I knew he wasn't going to overplay it. Then to see him do it so subtly and so underplayed, makes you love that character so much. It was a master class for me."

The Bridesmaids star plays Maggie, a recent divorcee and mother of 10-year-old Oliver (Jaeden Lieberher). Her nursing job requires long hours and without daycare she is forced to leave the boy with her neighbour, the hard-drinking reprobate Vincent (Murray).

"I liked that she was stripped down," she says. "There are no more tricks. She's out of tricks. She's just trying to survive."

As Maggie, McCarthy takes a step away from her well established comedic persona to deliver a supporting role that has laughs but shows more of her range than we're used to.

"I've played a lot of characters who are very vocal, very aggressive. It's been what the character has called for, but even within those bombastic parts you still have to let that character touch down. Even in a bigger, straight comedy you always have that moment where something's got to break. You see why they're so loud. At least for the women I've played there is a reason why they are so ballsy and it is nice when you see the crack in the veneer and you realize, 'It's part of their insecurity. They stay loud so nobody yells at them.' I think the same applies to this one, except that the character wasn't putting on much of a facade. She was falling apart more openly and she had to buckle down and keep moving forward."

St. Vincent is a character piece that showcases the actors — like co-star Naomi Watts as a plainspoken, pregnant hooker with an impenetrable accent and, if not exactly a heart of gold, an affection for things made of gold — but makes the point that families can be formed anywhere by anyone, even if one is a prostitute, one drinks too much and one spends too much time at work.

"It's a lovely message that (director) Ted (Melfi) handled so beautifully, because it doesn't feel sentimental," says McCarthy. "It's not like, 'And now the message is ...' You just get the feeling in the pit of your stomach that you shouldn't judge a book by its cover."

Melissa McCarthy, left, plays a recently divorced mom in St. Vincent. CONTRIBUTED

Easy does it

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Melissa McCarthy describes the impact of her latest movie, St. Vincent.

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Ramona logs into the game to venture onto her first quest. She almost quits when she is prompted to kill a beast — this is not what she signed up for. "We still treat the Internet as if it's this really dangerous place, when it's just our imagination," says Jesse Hirsh, founder of The Academy of the Impossible. Scan this photo for a video of Hirsh talking about how our imagination impacts our view of online.

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Britpop. Noel Gallagher to release new solo album

Noel Gallagher, who along with brother Liam was part of the chart-topping group Oasis until their acrimonious 2009 split, announced on Monday he would release a new solo album in March.

The album, Chasing Yesterday, will be his third solo effort after The Dreams We Have as Children in 2009 and Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds in 2011.

The British pop bad boy, who was the main songwriter and guitarist for Oasis, also announced a European tour in March 2015.

It will begin with shows in British cities before moving to the European continent with dates planned in Paris, Milan, Copenhagen and Brussels.

The announcement of the new album is likely to further dampen hopes of any Oasis reunion, following rumours that Noel may have made peace with his brother. AFP

British singer-songwriter Noel Gallagher. AFP FILE

Apocalyptic numbers

Walking Dead top audience draw for cable TV show

The Nielsen Company says the 17.3 million people who watched the fifth season opener of The Walking Dead Sunday is a record both for the show and for a cable television program.

Nielsen said that represented the biggest audience ever for a single non-sports program on cable TV. The AMC drama beat its previous record audience of 16.1 million for the fourth season opener last October.

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Chad Coleman and Sonequa Martin-Green in The Walking Dead. AMC

Freakishly good showing

Jessica Lange stars in American Horror Story. FX

American Horror Story has more terror in store

The American Horror Story series has been renewed for its fifth season, which will introduce fans to a new setting and plot in October 2015.

Just after premiering the fourth season, titled Freak Show, FX has picked up yet another cycle of the show. Some 6.1 million viewers tuned in live for the first episode on Oct. 8. When catch-up audiences are counted, the episode crossed the bar of 10 million viewers, an unprecedented figure for the American cable network. AFP

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Nightmare on Gwyneth's street: Neighbs none too happy after political party

There's more fallout for Gwyneth Paltrow due to the recent Barack Obama fundraiser she hosted at her home. Apparently she not only ticked off the hired help but has drawn the ire of her neighbours — and they're so miffed that they'll even speak on the record.

"It was extremely poor planning on Gwyneth's part. Politicians have the right to raise funds, and Gwyneth has the right to throw a party, but next time she decides to throw a political fundraiser, do not do it on our street," neighbour Bret Lewis tells Radar Online.

"Mandeville Canyon has only one road that connects us to the rest of the city. Gwyneth lives at the bottom of the canyon, so basically everyone was shut out," he adds. "To have this road closed off is a horrible thing. My daughter had an exam the next morning and was very upset, but God forbid someone had a heart attack or there was a real emergency."

Gwyneth Paltrow

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Hugh flips the script on comedy sequel

Bad news, Bridget Jones fans: Hugh Grant says he is definitely sitting out the franchise's third outing. "The book's excellent, by the way, but the script is completely different — or the script as I last saw it a few years ago," Grant said in a recent Free Radio interview. "And in the end I decided not to do it. But I think they are going to go ahead and do it without (my character) Daniel." Grant is apparently referring to the script for Bridget Jones' Baby, a script that at the time Grant, Renee Zellweger and Colin Firth all reportedly had problems with. Series author Helen Fielding then released a third novel with a completely different plot last year, but it's unclear if the planned film would follow suit or stick to its original storyline. The Sun reports that Emma Thompson has been hired to work on the script, so maybe there's hope for Grant's involvement after all, assuming she can get it up to his standards.

Hugh Grant

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Shia LaBum grabber: Actor comments on Cabaret chaos

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Metro in Hollywood

Shia LaBeouf is finally telling his side of the story about his arrest during a performance of Cabaret in June, and boy does he tell it well. The Fury star went into great self-deprecating detail about the ordeal — including the bit about him chasing a homeless man through Times Square — during a visit to Jimmy Kimmel Live.

It turns out that while intensely inebriated on far too much whisky after watching a World Cup match, LaBeouf was given a ticket to the show, starring Alan Cumming and Michelle Williams, by one of its dancers.

And it was all downhill from there, thanks in large part to a very seductive Cumming. "He's smoking a cigarette, so I think, 'Oh, it's that kind of party, I want to have a cigarette, too,'" LaBeouf recalls. Then he noticed Cumming winking at him, so when the actor makes his way through the audience, "All I'm thinking about is the leather pants and him winking at me, and he walks past me and I give him a slap on the ass because I think he deserves it. He's seducing me. I mean, he's the sexiest man I've ever seen. And I don't just slap it, I slap and grabbed him — like I grabbed a whole cheek because I wanted the party right here in my pants." And if you think that's good, you should hear how he describes jail.

Kat Dennings and Josh Groban

Grobes gets the girls: Kat's crushing on a crooner

Well, this one certainly caught me completely off-guard. Adorable and hilarious Thor and 2 Broke Girls star Kat Dennings hit the red carpet at a charity event in L.A. this weekend with her new boyfriend ... Josh Groban. No, seriously. Dennings even posted an Instagram pic of the pair with the caption, "I ship it." Now, if I'm up on my Internet lingo, that should mean that they're not actually a couple, but Dennings is eager to write fan-fiction about them being a couple. Now I'm even more confused. But jargon confusion aside, apparently this is real. A source even told E! News that "they were so cute together," which is pretty much legally binding in Hollywood. To be fair, though, Groban has enough of a track record with impressive girlfriends — January Jones and, allegedly, Katy Perry — that at this point I'm willing to dub him the nice-guy alternative to David Spade.

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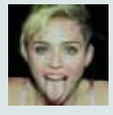

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2. Tuck away a few dollars every week or every paycheque. See if your bank offers an automatic savings option.
3. Timing is everything. Travelling just before or after high season can lead to savings and some destinations offer deals during these low periods.
4. See if you can redeem any points collected on your credit card.
5. Consider spending your vacation locally — at a neighbouring community or a country inn or spa.
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New

Expanded Air Canada flights

Air Canada has just announced its 2015 summer schedule, which includes a variety of new flights. Toronto to Amsterdam, usually only available in the summer, will operate year-round up to six times per week. The airline is also upping next summer's service to Paris to twice daily from Toronto and Montreal. And new Air Canada Rouge twice-weekly service will begin next May for flights between Montreal and Venice, and Vancouver and Osaka. **TEXT: DOUG WALLACE, PHOTO: HOLLAND TOURISM**

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Ink or Swim: Niche cruise will leave its mark on travellers

There's likely to be much leering and staring. At times, a bit of disrobing and probably some touching. But that's to be expected on the first tattoo-themed North American cruise that will set sail next year.

Tattoo lovers looking for both a novel vacation idea and a fresh tat may be interested in Ink or Swim, the latest thematic, hyper-niche cruise package to come out of the cruising industry. Produced by tattoo lifestyle magazine Rebel Ink, guests will be able to get inked onboard by some of the top tattoo artists in the U.S., including Tatu Baby from Spike TV's Ink Master; Amy Nicoletto on LA Ink; and Chris Torres, described as the "bad boy of the tattoo industry," known for his old-school style at Red Legged Devils in Brooklyn.

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Running down the Adams River

Salmon sights. This is the month to catch a massive return of fish to their spawning grounds in B.C.

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I whisked my way downstream along the forest path that winds through Roderick Haig-Brown Park, located 70 kilometres from Kamloops, B.C.

Salmon flicked through the water, entertaining throngs of fish watchers backlit by autumn colours.

The Adams River is home to the world's largest return of sockeye salmon to a single river. Every four years people come from all over the world to witness this ritual of return.

The run has been recurring for thousands of years, ever since the last Ice Age when glaciers carved out the awe-inspiring Rocky Mountain range.

After leaving the Pacific Ocean, more than 3.6-million sockeye brave an epic trip of over 450 kilometres, thrashing their way up the Fraser and Thompson Rivers to spawn.

According to Shuswap First Nations lore, the arrival of the sockeye was heralded by the singing of crickets and a west wind that began to blow in the first week of October.

Today, fish fans looking to tap into the region's rich indigenous heritage can do so on a tour of Quaaout Lodge & Talking Rock Resort.

Barb Callihoe, the properties cultural co-ordinator, offers up a historical narrative, which has us popping by the lakefront lodge's Kekuli (pit house), salmon smoke house and sacred sweat lodge.

It is estimated that over 240,000 visitors will travel to the Shuswap for the salmon run this October.

The Adams River is home to the world's largest return of sockeye salmon to a single river. ANDREW DOBSON/METRO

While most will enjoy the encounter while strolling along the parks trail, the most unique way to appreciate this natural marvel is from a First Nations perspective.

Quaaout Lodge's Frank Antoine offers daily expeditions for paddle pros, hands-on travel by voyageur canoe. You can't help but peek over the bow as hundreds of rouge fish below dart to and fro.

While the salmon run is on many a nature enthusiast's hit list, the Shuswap has most recently wooed lovers of the great outdoors via luxury houseboat.

Twin Anchors is a pioneer in the industry, becoming the first commercial operator in Western Canada in 1964. Today their combined fleet includes more than 100 houseboats which offer guests a memorable floating holiday featuring petite suites, spacious kitchen and relaxing rooftop hot tub.

Wind whistled through my hair as we cruised along fir and cedar dotted coastline. The sunset splashed across the horizon while I sipped a glass of Ortega from Celista Estate Winery, which sits perched above the lake only a few kilometres away.

I let out a deep sigh and thought the stoic natural beauty of the Shuswap is perhaps British Columbia's best kept secret.

It's hard not to feel romanced by this place. Seems as though the salmon have had it figured out for years.

Bucket list

Cayman cookout

Tickets go on sale this month for the annual Cayman Island celebration of food on Grand Cayman, Jan. 15 to 18. Chef Eric Ripert hosts a group of notable (and entertaining) chefs, including José Andrés and Anthony Bourdain, along with Canada's Lynn Crawford. The Ritz-Carlton on Seven Mile Beach is the backdrop for demos, tastings, tours and dinners, where you rub elbows with the chefs, wine experts and spirits gurus. Cayman is pure Caribbean gold, all white sand and azure water, with amazing diving and water sports, markets and museums. There are lots of places to lay your head if the Ritz is too rich for your blood. Bring your hollow leg.
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Winter travel

Your guide to planning an all-inclusive getaway

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Packaged holidays are more popular than ever and if you want to have your choice of destination and dates this season, now is the time to book. If you wait until the last minute your options will be fairly limited. Here are some other tips and trends to remember when booking your 2015 all-inclusive vacation.

Although there is no consistent star rating system among the various Caribbean destinations and the tour operators that serve them, it is fairly common knowledge that a five-star resort in Cuba is not up to the same standard as elsewhere in the Caribbean. But the tide is turning as many of the hotel chains are slowly upping their standards in Cuba. The anticipation of the island eventually opening up to the American tourist market means better service, amenities and food now at the higher-end resorts. The Melia Marina in Varadero is getting incredible reviews, offering full apartments for families at reasonable prices.

For people looking not to share their holiday time with their or other people's kids, there is a noticeable growth in the adults-only resort segment. The couples only Sandals LaSource Grenada is getting amazing reviews, especially for their rooms with individual infinity pools.

The recently opened Occidental Grand Papagayo in Costa Rica is garnering buzz as the first adults-only resort in the country. Aruba's well-reputed Riu Palace has just opened the Riu Palace Antillas, a sister property catering to this market on the land adjacent to the current resort.

For those who prefer to be connected even when on holiday, Sandals Resorts has just announced free Wi-Fi at all their resorts for all their guests, not just for those staying on the higher-end Concierge and Butler level floors.

Happily there will not be many destinations in recovery mode this winter as the 2014 hurricane season has been a relatively tame one. Fingers crossed it stays that way for the next month. The big exception of course is Mexico's Cabo San Lucas, which was hit extremely hard a few weeks ago. The good news is they have reopened the airport much earlier than anticipated and resorts are working hard to get back to normal. Check with a travel agent on repair status before planning a trip there this fall or winter.

Remember to read the fine print on any holiday package you are booking and know what is included.

There's plenty to pour over in Prague

Czech, please! This capital city is known for its party scene — come along and imbibe in the offerings at these swank bars

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Prague might be better known for beer, but it's full of spirit, too! ISTOCK

In the Pilsner's birthplace, where beer is cheaper than water and only quick reflexes will keep the waiter from slamming another pint on your table, it's hard not to order what the Czech call "liquid bread." But the Czech Republic has a storied history with spirits, too, particularly absinthe, and cocktail bars in the capital Prague are garnering worldwide attention for what their bartenders do with them. Pull up a stool at these three fine establishments.

Cloud 9 Skybar & Lounge

This Las Vegas-style bar atop a colossal Hilton is all about creating an experience, starting with a seductive automated voice welcoming you when the doors whoosh open. Through a long black marble gallery and into a swankily furnished room, you'll find founding mixologist Roman Uhlir stirring, shaking and straining over 50 cocktails, including 10 signatures.

Arrive between 6 and 9 p.m. and drink unlimited signature cocktails for less than $50. That includes Mystic, a refreshing vodka, lime and ginger creation with a touch of brown sugar, and Extravaganza, an icy gin mix softened by raspberries and a dose of mint.

But Charisma steals the show. A multi-sensory vodka and melon liqueur blend originally concocted for Czech photographer Jan Saudek, it's delicately sweet and bitter with subtle spiciness from a full-sized chili pepper perched on the rim. The menu includes five-step instructions for drinking Charisma ceremoniously, beginning by asking you to close your eyes and picture the most beautiful evening. Tempting, but what's more beautiful than this ninth-storey view of Old Town Prague?

OBLACA

Come to expect anything at OBLACA, a sci-fi room inside a futuristic-looking transmitter tower with creepy, faceless, giant baby sculptures crawling up the sides. The bar top, covered in funnels, beakers and bitters, leaves little room for the potions made on the other side of it. And that's not limited to drinks: Proteges of Achim Šipl, a world champion mixologist, make cocktail sorbets and amuse bouche samplers (if you're lucky, there's Screwdriver caviar on the tasting plate).

The cocktails are equally playful, turning classics contemporary with small innovations. Think earthy Cosmopolitans infused with Italian tea and Old Fashioneds billowing with orange steam. But it's not all gimmicks. The barkeep delivers an impeccable Rusty Nail made with seven-year-old Scotch. It's hard-nosed as it should be, yet clean as one can hope for. When you're having this much fun, you can drink into the night, but make sure you take a break before midnight to sit in a green-lit pod on the observatory floor.

Hemingway Bar

Lots of Prague businesses clamour for tourists' attention by adopting Franz Kafka's name, but this bar pays homage to the author of many American classics and drink recipes alike.

Dimly lit and classy, the cavernous Old Town space is decorated with framed Ernest Hemingway portraits, travelling Africa or with his polydactyl felines — which also get a tribute here. Six Fingers Cat is a blue agave cocktail that's smooth and smokey, with subtle flavours arising from six disparate ingredients, including rosemary, creme de cacao and dates.

For a well-rounded drink that goes down quickly, try English Mustard. Sweet and salty, it's Beefeater Gin, orange mustard and rose-lime cordial topped with a slab of cured bacon. But if you want something closer to dessert, you can't go wrong with a Pistachio and Black Currant Cosmopolitan.

And the suspender-wearing servers treat cocktails like meals, returning to gauge your satisfaction or whether you'd like it sourer or bitterer.

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Don’t let this meatball roll away

Honey Mustard Meatball Dinner Sub.

Personalize the dish by using ground chicken, pork, turkey or veal

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Ingredients

- 3 tbsp (45 ml) chili sauce or ketchup
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) dry seasoned bread crumbs
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp (5 ml) dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) dried thyme
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper
- 1 lb (454 g) extra lean ground beef
- 2 tsp (10 ml) canola oil
- 1 small onion, minced
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) honey mustard
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) water
- 6 small whole wheat sub buns
- 1 cup (250 ml) chopped lettuce
- 1 tomato, chopped

Meatballs are such a fun dinner option and can be really quick to make.

These meatballs have a unique flavour thanks to the addition of chili sauce.

This isn’t the spicy chili sauce you might add into your soup or pasta dishes but the sweet, almost ketchup-like sauce you find in the same aisle as barbecue sauce and ketchup.

You can change it up and use your favourite barbecue sauce or kicked-up ketchup.

Sometimes we have a refrigerator full of condiments and don’t know how to use them in cooking. A little bit goes along way when it comes to condiments, which are truly ideal for adding big flavour to a sandwich like this.

If you’re not up for a sandwich, you can simply serve them over some steamed rice.

1. In a large bowl, using fork stir together chili sauce, egg, bread crumbs, garlic, Worcestershire sauce, oregano, thyme and pepper until well combined. Add beef and mix together using hands to distribute evenly.

2. Using hands, roll meat mixture into about 30, 1-inch (2.5 cm) meatballs and place on parchment paper lined plate or tray.

3. Heat non-stick skillet over medium-high heat and brown meatballs, in batches if necessary, turning occasionally on all sides for about 8 minutes or until browned. Remove.

4. Wipe skillet with paper towel and return to medium heat and add oil and cook onion for about 5 minutes or until softened. Add mustard and water; return meatballs to skillet and toss to coat, stirring occasionally with sauce for 3 minutes or until meatballs are no longer pink inside.

5. Divide meatballs and sauce among sub buns and top with lettuce and tomato.

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What have you got under your sleeve?

Ink on the agenda. As more workers get tattoos, some companies are easing their rules around visible body art

Business coach Rob Dale says that in some professional situations, his tattoos have helped more than they've hindered him.
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When Rob Dale decided to wear a short-sleeved dress shirt on a warm fall day, his choice of clothing didn't cross his mind until he arrived at a business breakfast event — and then he suddenly felt uncomfortable.

"I was conscious of the fact that my arms were covered in tattoos," recalled the Ottawa-based Dale.

"You didn't see any other tattoos. Most people were in some form of semi-casual business attire."

Dale had recently finished training to become a business coach and was attending a monthly breakfast hosted by the Orleans Chamber of Commerce.

"I was a new face in a room of about 80 owners ... With all of these tattoos, (I) felt quite like I was standing out."

As it turns out, Dale's inked arms were a point of interest for a tattooed gym owner, with whom he booked a meeting.

"He said, 'Well, actually, to be honest with you, the reason I decided to sit down with you is because I saw the tattoos and I knew you wouldn't be the normal, kind of clichéd business coach. I knew that there would be something unique about you.'

"And so in his case, it opened that door to having that conversation about coaching and all of that."

Dale, 47, said he has never had anyone tell him that they have an issue with, or are uncomfortable with, his tattoos.

"When I'm coaching a client and I'm meeting with them regularly ... they see such value in the coaching, the personality is what has connected us in that environment," he said.

"When I go in a short-sleeved shirt ... it's not even brought up. Or somebody will say, 'I didn't know you have tattoos. Don't they ever look great,' and ask me about them."

Still, Dale has made a conscious choice when meeting a prospect for the first time to wear a dress shirt and jacket — thus keeping them covered.

"I typically will do that with people, not because I think they'll have an issue with it, because 99 per cent of the time my experience has been that people don't really care," Dale said.

"But often times, first impressions go a long way, and I'm trying to establish trust. I just don't want it to be a hindrance."

As individuals from all walks of life get inked on conspicuous parts of their bodies, some companies are loosening the reins when it comes to workers keeping tattoos under wraps.

Hilary Predy, an associate vice-president with recruitment agency Adecco, said some organizations are being a "little more liberal" about accepting minor facial piercings, but many companies still have policies surrounding visible tattoos.

"We suggest that until you know what the acceptable standard is within that company, particularly for your interview, go with them covered. When you can see what's acceptable with other employees, you'll be able to judge what you'll be able to reveal. But for your first impression, you may want to be neutral," Predy said from Edmonton.

Ultimately, Predy said people should be hired according to what they bring to the company, based on their skills and experience.

"It is a partnership between the employee and the employer to find a median ground that is acceptable for both."

Danny Kastner, a lawyer who specializes in employment, labour and human rights law at Toronto firm Turnpenny Milne, said he'd advise companies against creating policies surrounding visible tattoos for a few reasons — the first being the potential screening out of "a whole host" of qualified candidates.

"Visible tattoos are ubiquitous these days, and there's an enormous part of the population — especially the younger population — who you are arbitrarily deciding you can't hire.

"And that's a great way to miss out on potential talent," he said.

"It may well have been the case ... that 25 years ago, having someone with a visible and unusual piercing would scare off potential customers in a retail business, for example.

"That's simply not the case anymore. And therefore what the company would be doing is unnecessarily limiting its talent pool, unnecessarily causing potential conflict with current employees all in pursuit of a policy that is extremely unlikely to actually advance its own business interests." THE CANADIAN PRESS

A colourful crew

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I'll take my Tims with some tats

Tim Hortons recently announced a revision to its dress-code policy to allow employees to have "visible, non-offensive tattoos" at the discretion of management.

- The move came after research started in the spring of 2013 to get a sense of workers' values and thoughts about the company. Focus groups were conducted with employees in Canada and the U.S., in addition to interviews with restaurant managers and owners, said Stephanie Hardman, vice-president of organizational development and Team Tim Hortons.
- "We got things that said, 'Let's allow for some self-expression.' Our owners said: 'We want to be sure we're attracting from the greatest pool of applicants that we can, so that we can, in fact, attract the best to serve our guests that we possibly can," Hardman said.

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The washroom ain't the water cooler

Dear Metro,
I have a co-worker who uses the women's washroom as her personal spa. It seems like every time I go in there, she's in there too — fixing her makeup, talking on her phone, or just hanging out. Sometimes she even starts conversations with me while I'm in the stall. I don't want to be rude, but a little privacy would be nice. How can I get some alone time?
— Let Me Pee

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Dear LMP,
This sounds like a clash of comfort zones. You want solitude; she wants girl time. You want to urinate; she wants to congregate. It's a tricky one: Your office bathroom is a public space, after all. And while many of your colleagues may be cool with on-the-can chit-chat, it's fair if you're not.

If the whole topic makes you shy, scout alternate facilities. Are these the only stalls in your workplace?

Maybe there's a secluded bathroom on another floor where you can sneak off for an audience-free pee. A low-traffic toilet in close proximity would be a convenient fix.

And check your timing. Presumably this person does not, in fact, spend all day listening to her colleagues' bodily functions, but rather has a desk, a computer and work to do.

If she's within your line of sight, schedule your personal business when she's in her chair doing actual business.

The issue might not be that she lingers, but that your bladders are too much in sync. In that case, there's an easy way to avoid the mid-whiz catch-ups: just wait a bit.

Speaking to her — once you've re-zipped — is a more direct way to go. You can't tell her to get out, but you can let her know that you'd rather not discuss tomorrow's meeting while you're offloading this morning's coffee. This doesn't have to be tense.

Just say you need a sec, and will talk once you're finished. You could even turn it into a joke: Tell her your task requires fierce, unbroken concentration. Since she feels comfortable engaging you at such a sensitive moment, she likely considers you a friend. Which means she should be receptive to your concerns.

And if not, get aggressive: Drop your own stink bomb and flush her out of there. Then you'll get the place to yourself.

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4 SPORTS

Philly remains winless

Ducks dump dipping Flyers

William Karlsson and Jakob Silfverberg each scored in the shootout to lift the Anaheim Ducks to a 4-3 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night.

The Flyers (0-2-2) lost their second straight game in a shootout and are winless through the first four games for only the fourth time in franchise history. They're off to their worst start since they were 0-3-1 in 2008-09.

Tim Jackman, Devante Smith-Pelly and Matt Beleskey scored for the Ducks.

Mark Streit and Wayne Simmonds each scored power-play goals for the Flyers. Jakub Voracek sent the game into OT with the tying goal.

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Third-period flurry

Islanders win battle of New York

Kyle Okposo scored his 100th NHL goal to snap a tie 48 seconds into the third period, and the undefeated New York Islanders netted four goals on seven shots in the final frame to beat the sliding New York Rangers 6-3 on Tuesday night.

The Islanders, who opened with a home-and-home sweep of Carolina, improved to 3-0 when they broke loose for four goals in the first 10:59 of the third to send the Rangers (1-3) to their third straight loss.

Rick Nash scored for the fourth straight game for the Rangers. He had two goals.

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Predators defenceman Anton Volchenkov drives the Flames' Brandon Bollig into goalie Pekka Rinne on Tuesday in Nashville. MARK ZALESKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flames hold up against Predators

Music City victory.
Colborne scores shootout's only goal

On Tuesday

Flames	Predators
3	2

Joe Colborne scored the only goal of the shootout to lift the Calgary Flames to a 3-2 win over the Nashville Predators Tuesday night.

T.J. Brodie and Mark Giordano also scored for Calgary, which improved its record to 2-2-0.

Filip Forsberg and Mike Ribeiro scored for Nashville, which suffered its first loss of the season.

Forsberg scored the game's first goal at 8:46 of the opening period. From the high slot, Derek Roy sent a pass toward Forsberg at the left faceoff dot, where he beat Calgary goaltender Karri Ramo with a one-timer for his first goal of the season.

Ramo had 19 saves in regulation and overtime.

Brodie tied the game just over a minute later when he drove the left side and his backhander went up the stick of Predators defenceman Anton Volchenkov and over the shoulder of goaltender Pekka Rinne.

Giordano gave Calgary its first lead at 5:19 of the second on a power-play goal.

With Nashville's Colin Wilson off serving an interference minor, Giordano's wrist shot from the top of the left circle beat Rinne on the short side.

Ribeiro tied the game at 2 at 15:10 of the second.

Craig Smith's shot from above the left circle hit traffic in front then caromed to Ribeiro who was on the right post and scored his first goal as a Predator.

After the Arizona Coyotes bought out Ribeiro's contract in the off-season, the Predators took a chance on the 34-year-old centre, signing him to a one-year deal.

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Drone reps for Albanian fans

Serbia defender Stefan Mitrovic grabs a flag with Albanian national symbols flown by a drone in the 41st minute of a European Championship qualifier on Tuesday in Belgrade, Serbia. When Albanian players attempted to protect the flag, several Serbian fans invaded the pitch and clashed with the Albanians. The match was suspended by officials with the score tied 0-0. Scan the image with your Metro News app for more Euro coverage. ANDREJ ISAKOVIC/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Is winning West best thing for Stampeders?

CFL. With chance to clinch division this Saturday, Calgary hoping to avoid repeat of last year's playoff letdown

The Stampeders are 12-2, but the possibility of winning the division with three games remaining is causing some to fear team-wide complacency heading into the playoffs. BRENT JUST/GETTY IMAGES

The Calgary Stampeders can clinch first place in the CFL's West Division very early this season with a win over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers on Saturday.

The problem with making first in the division is the chance of losing concentration and intensity in the remaining three games of the regular season.

Some Stampeders were emphasizing execution and wins, not byes and home playoff dates, on Tuesday.

"I think just playing to win this next game is what we should be focused on, not winning the division," running back Jon Cornish said.

"The following week, we should focus on winning that game. We have a bunch of difficult games coming up and we have to be focused on every single one of them."

Calgary (12-2) has two games remaining against Winnipeg (6-9) and one against Saskatchewan (9-6) before the regular-season finale against the B.C. Lions (8-7).

The Stampeders swept Edmonton (10-5) in their season series and would thus rank above the Eskimos in the event the two teams finished tied in the standings.

Division winners earn the right to host their respective division finals. They also get a week's rest while their opponents wear themselves out in semifinal playoff games.

In 2013, Calgary secured the West final in the second-last week en route to a 14-4 record. But the Stampeders were upset in the division final by the Saskatchewan Roughriders, who went on to win the Grey Cup in Regina.

It's a reminder that securing the division final is not the same thing as winning it, which is perhaps why the Stampeders were downplaying Saturday's stakes.

There is still a lot of football to be played and the Stampeders want to be playing it well heading into the post-season.

"We've got to finish," Calgary quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell. "We're not looking forward to any other game. We're not trying to clinch first place.

"All we're thinking about is going out there and playing a good football game against Winnipeg. Last year we were 14-4 and we didn't finish."

After missing three games with a sprained ankle and injured ligament in his left knee, Mitchell is expected to start for real this time.

Head coach John Hufnagel said during Week 15 that Mitchell was "ready to go" against the Roughriders only to announce a day later Drew Tate would get the ball.

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Good bye for Cornish

"I maybe could have played in a game had we not had the bye week, but I'm happy we had the bye week, all things considered."

Jon Cornish says he'll be ready to go Saturday after tweaking his knee Oct. 3 against the Roughriders

Hockey. Szabados ready for full season with men

Shannon Szabados knows from her taste of the Southern Professional Hockey League to expect the unexpected this season.

The goalie went down to Georgia at the end of September to get ready for a full season with the Columbus Cottonmouths. Training camp opens Wednesday.

The 10-team SPHL is a minor pro men's league.

Szabados started in a pair of one-goal losses to conclude the 2013-14 regular season and played the third period of a Cottonmouths playoff loss in April.

"Getting a taste of what it would be like for the next seven or eight months that I'll be here was definitely an advantage," Szabados said from Columbus.

"It will be nice to start here fresh at the beginning of the season and get in a few games and be on the ice every day."

The Cottonmouths open at home Oct. 24 against the Knoxville Ice Bears.

Head coach and GM Jerome Bechard said he was leaning toward starting Szabados in the season opener, even though Andrew Loewen of Winnipeg has more experience.

"I want to get that first win for her really bad," Bechard said. "We play 56 games. In my mind, right off the bat, the plan is for her to get 20 games, if not more. I guess time will tell."

Szabados backstopped the Canadian women's hockey team to Olympic gold last February in Sochi and she also filled in March 5 at an Oilers practice in her hometown of Edmonton.

After last season's short stint in Columbus, Bechard re-signed Szabados in July.

"I wouldn't bring her in if she wasn't legit and didn't give us an opportunity to win," Bechard said. "She is probably one of the most technical goalies I've seen." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shannon Szabados of the Columbus Cottonmouths, last March in Georgia. TODD KIRKLAND/GETTY IMAGES

Thriving with the boys

Shannon Szabados played four years in the Alberta Junior Hockey League with Sherwood Park, Bonneyville and Fort Saskatchewan.

- She was named the AJHL's top goaltender in 2006-07.
- Szabados then spent five years in Alberta men's college hockey with Grant MacEwen and then NAIT, where she set a league record for the lowest goals-against average (1.58) in 2012-13.

NHL

Gagne lands $600K gig with Bruins

The Boston Bruins have signed veteran forward Simon Gagne to a one-year contract worth $600,000 US.

Gagne attended Bruins training camp on a tryout basis. He had a goal and an assist in five pre-season games.

The 34-year-old last played in the 2012-13 season, splitting time between Los Angeles and Philadelphia and had five goals and 11 assists in 38 games.

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Time getting shorter?

NBA to experiment with shorter games

The NBA is going to evaluate if a shorter game could be a better one.

The Brooklyn Nets and Boston Celtics will play a 44-minute pre-season game on Sunday as the league tests a format that features fewer minutes and fewer mandatory timeouts.

The contest will be four minutes shorter than the NBA's standard 48-minute game.

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NBA

LeBron-less Cavs get by with Love

Kevin Love, picking up the offensive slack with LeBron James and Kyrie Irving out, scored 25 points and Dion Waiters added 23, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 106-100 exhibition win over the Milwaukee Bucks on Tuesday night.

Love made five three-pointers and also shook off banging his right knee while making a basket in the lane during the third quarter.

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TV numbers

Average of 2.2M tuned into HNIC, Rogers says

Sportsnet says an average of 2.23 million viewers tuned in to watch the early games of its first Hockey Night in Canada broadcast Saturday.

Five games were shown over five different channels.

An average audience of 2.01 million tuned into Wednesday's season opener between Montreal and Toronto on Sportsnet.

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One more win and off to the World Series

Kansas City Royals third baseman Mike Moustakas makes an acrobactic catch on a ball hit by Baltimore Orioles' Adam Jones during the sixth inning of Game 3 of the American League Championship Series, on Tuesday, in Kansas City, Mo. The Royals' steel-curtain bullpen shut down the Baltimore Orioles for a 2-1 win, a commanding 3-0 lead in the series and only one win from the World Series. MICHAEL CONROY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blanco bunt brings euphoria to San Fran

MLB post-season. San Francisco gets winning run the small-ball way, to grab series lead from Cardinals

Giants centre-fielder Gregor Blanco arrives safely at first base during the NLCS in San Francisco on Tuesday. DAVID J. PHILLIP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A wild pitch, a wide throw and an 18-inning marathon.

These playoff-tested Giants keep finding wacky ways to win in another special October.

An errant throw by reliever Randy Choate on a bunt allowed Brandon Crawford to score the winning run in the bottom of the 10th inning, lifting San Francisco over the St. Louis Cardinals 5-4 on Tuesday for a 2-1 lead in the NL Championship Series.

"Everybody's saying: 'How are the Giants doing it? How are the Giants winning games?'"

Something in Choate's throat?

"I've been doing (pitchers' fielding practice) since I was a kid, do them every spring training all the time. It was easy. It was right there and I blew it. The ball just sailed on me."

Cardinals reliever Randy Choate

said Gregor Blanco, who laid down the sacrifice. "We just really believe in each other. We play together."

Crawford drew an eight-pitch walk from Choate to begin the inning, ending a stretch of 16 straight Giants retired since Tim Hudson's two-out single in the fourth. After failing on two sacrifice attempts, Juan Perez singled to bring up Blanco.

Blanco fouled off a bunt try, too, but then pushed one to the third-base side of the mound and the left-handed Choate's side-arm throw sailed past lunging second baseman Kolten Wong, who was covering first.

"We had trouble getting the bunt down," Crawford said. "So I was happy he got it down. He put it in a great spot and made those guys make a play, and fortunately (we) saw the throw go wide."

Randal Grichuk tied it with a solo homer in the seventh that chased Hudson.

Game 4 in the best-of-seven series is Wednesday night, with Ryan Vogelsong pitching for the Giants against fellow righty Shelby Miller.

Choate blamed himself. He has done pitcher fielding practice for decades.

In the Division Series clincher only a week earlier against Washington, Joe Panik scored the go-ahead run in a 3-2 win on Aaron Barrett's bases-loaded wild pitch. That came after winning Game 2 2-1 in 18 innings.

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2015 Subaru WRX

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel drive compact sports sedan
- **Engine.** 2.0-litre turbo-charged flat-four (268 hp)
- **Transmission.** Six-speed manual; continuously variable automatic (CVT)
- **Price.** $31,645 base, $35,445 as tested.

Market position

Compact sports sedan for auto enthusiasts. Less-expensive sibling of rowdier and more powerful WRX STI. Goes rallying in the hands of both factory and private race teams. As with all Subaru models, features "boxer" engine and full-time all-wheel drive, the latter now with torque vectoring for greater handling.

Points

- The WRX is based on the new-generation Impreza platform, which offers more interior room and refinement, and a stiffer chassis.
- All-new engine features direction injection
- First-ever 6-speed manual or Sport Lineartronic (CVT) automatic for the WRX.
- No longer available in a hatchback version.

The 2015 Subaru WRX features a cabin that is clean and classy.

Safety features

IIHS Top Safety Pick; seven airbags, including driver's knee bag; 4-wheel disc brakes with ABS, electronic brake force distribution and brake assist; stability and traction control; full-time all-wheel drive; engine immobilizer anti-theft system; whiplash-reducing front performance seats.

Power, poise set WRX apart

Review. With 270 hp, AWD, and a responsive automatic CVT, the WRX is quick off the mark and quicker to please

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I got the keys to the 2015 Subaru WRX, and made my way quickly to the car, almost skipping. This was going to be good.

I jumped in and ... it's an automatic. Really? Come on!

I got over it quickly, though, as this is an awesome compact sports sedan — even with the continuously variable automatic transmission.

The new Sport Lineartronic CVT actually creates a new tone in the WRX pallet; slightly less involved, but better suited to everyday driving, like commuting and general schlepping.

The "manual" mode of the CVT allows you to select your own (simulated) gears, in six- or eight-gear allotments, with paddle shifters. But just letting the CVT do its own thing is also very satisfying.

With the prodigious torque (258 lb.-ft.) available from the new direct-injection, twin-scroll, inter-cooled and turbo-charged 2.0-litre engine, the WRX is a weapon you'll want to point and shoot, and often. A little muscle car if you will.

Subaru's WRX and WRX STI have never prioritized interior materials and design, but this generation features a cabin that is clean and classy, and shouldn't disappoint anybody.

I really like the new D-shaped steering wheel, the high-grip seat material, and 4.3-inch monitor, mounted top-centre on the dash, which displays turbo boost in a cool, virtual analogue gauge.

Some will lament that WRX is no longer available as a hatch model, but the rear seating area is significantly increased.

To my eyes, the new "aggressive" front look and "wide body" of the WRX perfectly matches what it can deliver.

The functional hood scoop, sculpted into the new aluminum hood, is lower and wider for better intake efficiency and driver stability — and looks killer.

The new 17-inch aluminum alloy wheels are said to add to the aerodynamic efforts, which also include front and rear spoilers and under-car elements. I thought the dark gun-metal wheels and dark grille really set off the crystal while pearl paint on my tester, which was the mid-level WRS Sport trim, which includes a trunk spoiler, sunroof, LED low beams and fog lights.

You have to go to WRX Sport-tech if you want the navigation system, which is combined with a bigger and better screen, and a louder stereo.

Although the WRX STI has a direct competitor with the Mitsubishi Evolution, this regular version of the WRX is pretty much the only thing in its price and power class. The refinements and CVT option for the 2015 version make it even more distinctive.

It's an intriguing choice for an auto enthusiast who is looking for performance with a bit more livable personality for everyday use.

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2 Ford Focus ST
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3 VW Golf GTI
Base price: $29,605
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Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

Diesel sports car set to make tracks

Lightweight materials, design, connectivity and new-energy cars are the most important automotive trends of 2014, concluded an expert panel of the world's top automotive writers at a recent forum in New York City. These trends form part of a bigger picture within the automotive industry, which a scientific study conducted by Prime Research has identified as the "smart efficiency cluster," driven by the downsizing of engines, significant weight reduction, improved aerodynamics and new energy powertrains, particularly plug-in hybrids. The latter is seen as the most promising electric drivetrain option moving forward, but the onset of premium electric vehicles — driven by the BMW i3 and Tesla Model S — are bringing pure electric vehicles back into the spotlight.

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Pure electric vehicles such as the BMW i8 may soon challenge hybrids as the green vehicle of choice.

Electric turbochargers lose the lag

German automaker Audi says it will put an electric turbocharger in its upcoming SQ7, which is a performance version of the next-generation 2015 Q7 sport-utility vehicle. Ulrich Hackenberg, Audi board member for technical development, told Autocar magazine that the SQ7 would likely be available sometime in 2016. The main advantage of driving a turbocharger with electricity rather than exhaust gases is the elimination of "turbo lag," the need to wait for a turbocharger to spool up and deliver its boost, explains the website Green Car Reports. An electric motor can spool up a turbocharger faster than recirculating the exhaust gases, benefitting both performance and fuel economy.

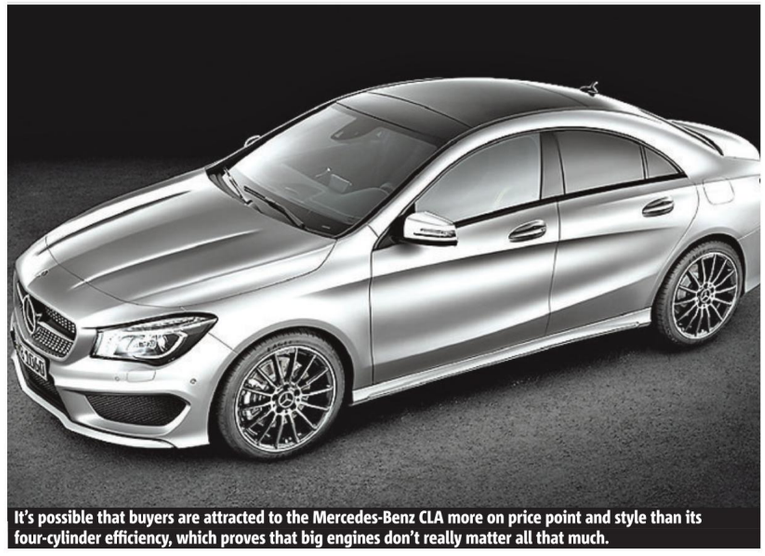
A typical turbocharger doesn't offer power until there's enough exhaust pressure to turn the impeller — creating a lag time.

Shift points

- The 2016 Mazda 2 subcompact hatchback will be offered with a range of engines, including a 1.5-litre diesel. The smallish diesel will generate 105 horsepower, but will twist up 184 pound-feet of torque as low as 1,500 rpm.
- It took nearly 15 years, but Toyota has reached a milestone 100,000 hybrid vehicle sales in Canada. In fact, the company said in a statement that of all the hybrids sold in Canada since 2000, more than three quarters bore Toyota or Lexus badges.
- Tesla has made a big commitment to do more business in China, says the Bloomberg news agency. The California automaker is working with China Unicom, the country's second-largest mobile communications carrier, to build 400 new charging points across 120 cities at China Unicom outlets.

Demand outstrips supply of small Mercedes

Unlike most other Mercedes-Benz models, the new CLA-Class sedan is small, based on a front-wheel-drive platform and is powered exclusively by four-cylinder engines. And that appears to be just fine with customers who are lining up all around the world to buy one. Mercedes CEO Dieter Zetsche tells Automotive News that the German automaker could sell twice as many CLAs as it does right now, if there was enough product. He said the biggest constraint on CLA sales so far has been production capacity, so Mercedes will allocate more volume to the compact sedan.



It's possible that buyers are attracted to the Mercedes-Benz CLA more on price point and style than its four-cylinder efficiency, which proves that big engines don't really matter all that much.

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Bigger is better for F-150 power plants

Second gear.
2009 to 2014
Ford F-150

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The new-for-2015 F-150 will be hitting dealer lots soon, meaning the 2009 to 2014 generation has just about transitioned into used-truck territory.

Shoppers will find plenty of selection, thanks to a model range that included several body styles, engines, drivelines, trim grades, options packages and special-edition models.

Look for six- or eight-cylinder power, two- or four-wheel drive, and units equipped from work-truck grade to luxury towing rig.

Common Issues

Be sure to confirm that the electronic 4x4 system, if equipped, shifts into and out of each mode without warning lights or undue waiting. If you note any issues, further investigation is needed.

Many older models will need some degree of attention to the suspension system — and a mechanic can quickly ascertain its needs with the vehicle on a hoist.

While test-driving, listen for unwelcome popping, clunking or clicking sounds beneath the truck, which could indicate worn-out suspension parts.

Other checks should include confirming that the SYNC infotainment control system is working properly, as some owners have reported sporadic issues with the system stalling, lagging, crashing or just plain failing to boot.

Check the rear headliner for signs of a water leak at each corner. Dampness, a smell of mildew or moisture staining indicate that water is leaking in around the rear glass, or, more likely, the high-mounted brake light, thanks to a bad seal.

Also, do not buy an EcoBoost-powered model without a full scan of the engine computer for stored trouble codes.

What owners like

F-150 owners tend to report positively on highway ride quality, cabin flexibility, all-terrain traction, advanced feature content (if equipped), generous storage space and plenty of performance from the larger engines.

What owners dislike

Common complaints include ride quality that deteriorates over rougher surfaces, and heavy fuel consumption in units with the older engines.

Engines

Engine options in 2009 were carry-overs from the previous generation: a 5.4-litre V8 with 320 hp, and a 4.6-litre V8 with 248 or 292. From 2011 on, look for the new 3.7-litre V6 with 302 hp, a 5-litre V8 with 360, and a 6.2-litre V8 with 411. The EcoBoost engine arrived as a 3.5-litre V6 with twin turbo, good for 365 hp and nearly as much torque as the 6.2-litre V8.

The verdict

In any case, and especially with an EcoBoost model, a prepurchase inspection by a mechanic is strongly advised for maximum peace of mind. Note that many owners say the five-litre V8 hits the mark very well for power, reliability and efficiency.

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Porsche secrets are finally revealed

German automaker takes the cloak off many of its top-secret concept vehicles, some of which became production models, others of which were scrapped, but most of which were light years ahead of their time

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Cutting edge. Prototypes showcase the brightest ideas and flights of fancy

Porsche has tinkered with many automotive concepts over the past 50 years in the service of vehicle development and design advancement.

Whether those prototypes were seeds that blossomed into future models or mere flights of engineering fancy, they have remained cloaked in secrecy — until now.

The Porsche Museum at the company's headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany has just unveiled a new exhibit showcasing the brightest ideas and innovations the Porsche brain trust has dreamed up over the years.

Here are a few of the vehicles on display at Project: Secret!, which runs through Jan. 11, 2015.

Concept car Type 995 1978-79

If George Barris had lived in Germany instead of California, perhaps this would have been the original Batmobile.

Although the exoskeleton is the most obvious feature of this concept, what's under the skin is far more forward-looking.

Although the brightly coloured exoskeleton is the most obvious feature of this concept, what's under the skin is actually far more forward-looking.

Commissioned by Germany's Federal Ministry of Research and Technology, the type 995 sports several developments that were years, if not decades, ahead of their time. Stopping power came from an early anti-lock brake system, and shifts were controlled by an electric double-clutch transmission, a forerunner of today's Porsche PDK system. The engines included a high-output 4-cylinder, and a small V8 that used cylinder deactivation to boost fuel economy.

Porsche 918 Spyder 2013

Billed as the super sports car of tomorrow, the new 918 Spyder was developed in Porsche's Weissach research centre in southern Germany.

This modular prototype was used to demonstrate the hybrid drive components and software that would go into the future 918 production model.

Since the final car's body shape was still in flux at the time, many of the prototype's features were borrowed from the 911 as a stopgap.

The prototype logged plenty of laps at the Nardo Ring test facility in Italy, to ensure that the eventual 887-hp 918 Spyder would cause well-heeled buyers to swoon with desire for the $845,000 supercar.

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Porsche 959 C29 1982

This Group B racing study (in main photo above), with a rear wing as part of its body shell, was a precursor to the production 959.

A 450-hp bi-turbo speed demon endowed with all-wheel-drive and a six-cylinder boxer engine, it topped out at 315 km/h.

Although the 959 first earned its stripes as a rally car in the mid-1980s, its subsequent street legal incarnations (shown here) were highly sought after by the celeb set.

In 1999, long before Tiger's Escalade bore the brunt of Elin's wrath, six-time major champion Nick Faldo's 959 was beaten by a former lover armed with a sand wedge and a grudge. Three years later, after some bodywork, the rebuilt racer sold at Christie's for £102,750 ($186,000).

Porsche 984 1984-87

This compact dead ringer for the Miata aimed its headlamps squarely at a younger demographic. Remarkably, it predates Mazda's cute roadster by several years.

The 984 took its design cues from concepts previously worked on for the Spanish automaker Seat.

Under the hood, there was an emphasis on cultivating a dynamic driving feel without a massive engine. Lightweight on the road and relatively light on the wallet at about 40,000 marks ($29,000), the 984 wasn't going to be your daddy's Porsche.

A convertible version with a folding hard top was also in the works, as was an all-wheel-drive model geared toward racing.

But sales shortfalls exacerbated by a plummeting dollar put the kibosh on the project, much to Mazda's delight.

Porsche 989 1991

Creative spurts are often triggered by necessity. Mired in economic malaise in the late 1980s, Porsche was looking for something fresh.

The 989 was the company's first vision of a sports car re-imagined as a family sedan.

However, the V8-toting, rear-wheel-drive head-turner was shelved when cost estimates soared to 150,000 marks ($108,000) — tony territory that the company's suits felt would be too expensive to meet their sales goal of 15,000 units per year.

The effort wasn't a total wash, however. The idea of a family-friendly sports car was resuscitated years later with the current Panamera — at a starting price of $89,500.

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As priorities change for drivers and passengers, vehicle designers have to adapt storage compartments. JOHNSON CONTROLS

Finding perfect spot for all your cool toys

Driving Force. As drivers bring more gadgets into their vehicles, designers are adding more storage spaces and cubbyholes

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When you get into your vehicle, you're probably so used to putting your phone in one spot and your coffee in another that you don't even think about it.

But someone else has. In fact, a great deal of work goes into designing storage spaces inside automobiles.

"There's been a steady increase in the amount of stuff brought into the vehicle," says Renae Pippel, director of strategic research at automotive supplier Johnson Controls. "The ability to safely store those items has grown in importance over the years.

"As car designers, we've gotten better ... but there's still a high expectation for the vehicle to accommodate everything brought into it, and to do it safely and securely."

Although automakers do measure items such as drink cups to be sure they'll fit, there's a greater focus on the placement of storage cubbies and how occupants use them.

That's partly because of development times, since cars can take several years from initial design to production, and lag behind the faster development of larger phones and cups.

More importantly, reaching for items can't be a distraction for the driver, and passengers need to be able to grab things quickly and easily.

"It's how people interact that dictates where we put storage compartments or cubbies, and if they're covered or uncovered," Pippel says.

"Things need to be intuitive so you're not taking your eyes off the road."

There are always compromises, including when suppliers have to work with vehicle interior designers to get exactly the right combination of good looks with functionality.

The storage compartments in SUVs and minivans will differ from those of sportier cars, while domestic or Japanese manufacturers may emphasize cubbies or cupholders that European automakers might not.

Studies show that consumer preferences can differ not just in vehicle segments but in global regions, which can be tough for automakers that produce models sold in several markets.

For example, Chinese and European customers like to secure items rather than just toss them into open bins, while North American drivers prioritize holders for garage door openers.

Placement of storage spaces has also changed over the years.

"For a while, cupholders were right in front of the shifters," Pippel says. "You could put a cup there in Drive, but if you put it in Park it would hit it. That's dissatisfying to a customer.

"We talk to consumers about their vehicles, what influenced them on the vehicle initially and then what has fallen short, and how it will influence the next purchase. We are responding to the demands of the marketplace."

Cubby facts

- A worldwide study shows that most drivers think sunglasses are the most important item that needs to be within easy reach. Phones ranked second, then GPS units.
- Until the 1970s, most cars had almost no storage cubbies, so many people bought aftermarket cupholders and storage bins.
- Storage for books is still considered more important than for tablets or e-readers, but that's expected to change.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Be flexible if you want to make the most of the next few days. As for the next 24 hours: What appears serious will have a fun side and what seems like a joke could have big consequences.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The planets are very much on your side at the moment but for best results you should not wait for things to happen, you should make things happen.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The task you have set for yourself may seem scary but if you have confidence in yourself and if you act as if you cannot lose it will be a great success.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Why have you been singled out for so much good fortune? Who cares. The fact is others are going out of their way to make life fun for you. Enjoy!

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You may not be that interested in what family and friends are up to today but you should get involved anyway. Today's Sun-Mars link means it will be more fun than you bargained for.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The message of the cosmos is clearn: Focus only on what you are good at. It does not matter if it has a practical application or if it is going to make you money, now or in the future.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Where would you like to be and what would you like to be doing if money were no object? Start working towards it today.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
As the Sun nears the end of one Scorpio solar cycle you must expect things to be a bit gray and glum but it's OK. A few days from now your fortunes will be transformed.

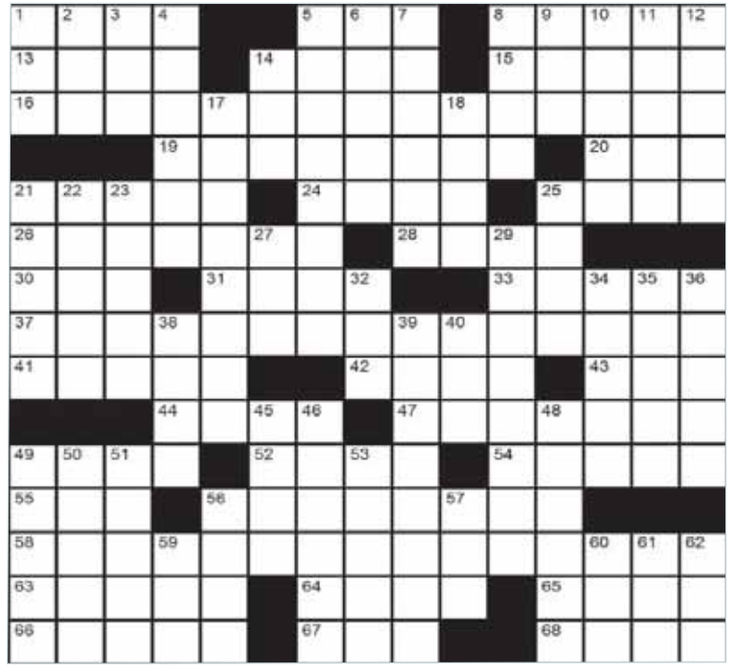
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will have to make a difficult decision over the next 24 hours but because you know without doubt what is right and what is wrong you will make it quickly and with a clear conscience.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
All work and no play is rarely a good idea and if you go down that route now you may look back later and wish you had been a bit more relaxed.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today's Sun-Mars link encourages you to be more outgoing, both on a one-to-one level with people you know intimately and with people you meet socially or at work.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Career matters are under good stars and if there are changes you need to make, now is the time. Take the initiative and make sure everyone can see you have talent and ambition.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Luxe-living magazine, __ Report
5. Central-__
8. October birthstones
13. Army garb, commonly
14. Jessica Simpson's ex Tony
15. Blender setting
16. 'A Musical within a Comedy' ...Tony-winning Canadian production, with The: 2 wds.
19. Generously applies: 2 wds.
20. Prefix to 'metrical'
21. Jason's mythical wife
24. Amphibious WWII vessels
25. Particular parrots
26. Claimed
28. Golf's Mr. Ballesteros
30. Bro or sis
31. Loyal
33. __ Tower (Edmonton building)
37. Libra symbols: 3 wds.
41. __ humains (Human beings, in French)
42. Mike Myers comedy, "The Love __" (2008)
43. US politician
44. Disconnected, in music [abbr.]
47. Actress, ___. Fox
49. Nails down
52. Roy Rogers' birth name, Leonard __
54. __ __ out
55. Company's stock mkt. debut
56. Was remembered from the auditions: 2 wds.
58. Why a concert might get cancelled: 3 wds.
63. 'Caligvla' is a 2012 album by what Canadian metal band?: 2 wds.
64. Actor William
65. House: Spanish
66. Computer administrator, e.g.
67. Canadian singer/actress Ms. Gryner
68. 'The' as 'Teh'

Down
1. Got [abbr.]
2. Paddle
3. Canuck financial inst.
4. Canadian comedy/music act, __ and Blue
5. Sonny & Cher: 2 wds.
6. Between midnight/noon times = _ _ __.
7. Canada: West and East
8. Not closed
9. __ Minerals (Makeup line)
10. Happened to happen
11. Miss Lotte __ of Bobby Darin hit "Mack the Knife"
12. Looks as though...
14. Bakery offering
17. "Canada's __ Person" on CBC
18. Model
21. En __ (All together)
22. Boot
23. Exclude
25. Didn't discard
27. Hmmms...
29. 79 A.D.: Pompeii's burier
32. Alphabetic sequence
34. Approximately, in dates
35. "Titanic" (1997) setting
36. Stuff the sofa again, say
38. Fewer
39. Big name in facial fillers
40. One of Switzerland's Four Forest Cantons
45. __ Spumante wine
46. Bell, in La Belle Province
48. Still in one piece
49. Under-sink tubes
50. __ glue
51. Commodities
53. Li'l Abner's surname
56. Cease
57. Giants slugger-of-legend Mel
59. Band, with Speedwagon
60. Set down
61. Particularly, puny-ly
62. __ Paulo, Brazil

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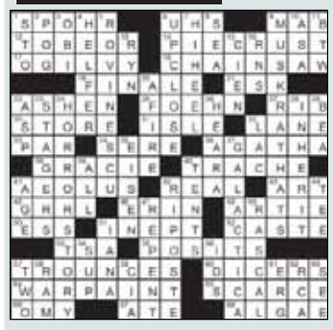

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3		9				6		5
7		2		9		8		1
			8		2			
		4	7		5	9		
		7	1		8	3		
			3		6			
9		6		1		4		3
8		3				1		2

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	9	1	7	6	2	5	8	3
6	3	2	5	8	9	1	7	4
7	8	5	1	4	3	2	9	6
2	1	7	3	9	8	4	5	8
3	5	4	8	2	7	9	6	1
8	6	9	4	5	1	3	2	7
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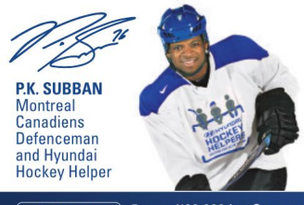

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